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Shiori who lost her memories due to an occident, spends doy after day being troubled obout the awakening love she started feeling towards her actual older brother, Akio.
One day, Shiori found out about how her previous self had opplied for o fan model audition
For the sake of distracting herself from her feelings for Akio, she applied for the audition
The judging for the audition is midway and it has reached it's climax, yet there seems to be complications surrounding Shiori who is not a favorite.

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At times like these, while doing a little bit of shopping or taking a leisurely stroll in the neighborhood, I imagine that there's an ocean on the other side of the road, it's such a nice feeling.
Though this area is a normal residential area.
And on the other side of the avenue is the main road.
But if I let my imagination take form, walking will be a bit enjoyable again.

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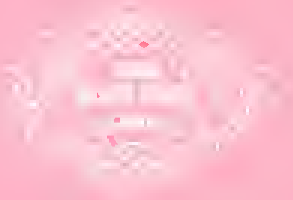

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Character Introductions

People of the Kikukawa Family

Kikukawa Maho (Middle School 1st year)

She distances herself from Shiori who used to tease and call her 'ugly'. She can't forgive her a lot for all the pain she experienced before Shiori lost her memories...

Kikukawa Akio (College 2nd year)

He has much affection for the family being Maho and Shiori's good older brother. He takes up the role of the father and the mother since the Kikukawa family lacks parental figures. He has a family-oriented side and is generally good at housework, too. He is began dating his childhood friend Mizuki again.

Previous Shiori

Kikukawa Shiori (High School 2nd year)

She lost her memories after an accident on Kai's motorcycle. Before her memory loss, she appeared to be a vain girl and played with guys cruelly! She harbors feeling of love for her brother Akio which causes her much confusion.

Matsumoto Mizuki (Age 21)

She is Akio's childhood friend and his first love. She also wishes that Shiori's memory wouldn't return...?

Shiraishi Kai
(High School 1st year)
During middle school, he was taken with Shiori at first sight. After confessing —> and suffering many honorable defeats, a total of 53 times, he finally becomes Shiori's boyfriend. But Shiori loses her memories and they broke up. He's struggling to get back Shiori's memories!
Yuusuke
(High School 1st year)
He's Kai's friend. After the accident, he Shiori, and Kai often hang out.
Group of School Companions(?)
Yokota Chika
(High School 2nd year)
She was formerly Shiori's close friend. She like Kai, but Shiori snatched him from her and so she resents Shiori for it. She circulated bad rumors that Shiori was dating for compensation, etc.
Ueno
(High School 2nd year)
Ono
(High School 2nd year)

Outline of the Story So Far

Shiori hears rumors concerning her previous self and is shocked to learn that she is hated. The rumors include stuff like she dates for compensation, and that she has STD... Yet she perseveres taking strength from Akio's words of "I really like you, Shi-chan," and continues to attend school despite the rumors.

Soon after, Akio and his childhood friend Mizuki began going out. Due to that, Shiori ends up realizing that her own feelings towards Akio, feelings of awakening love.

To distract herself from her feelings, Shiori chooses to go through with a Fan Model Audition that her previous self had applied for. And despite objections from her usually gentle brother Akio, she goes forward and advances to the camera test.

While waiting for the results, Shiori goes to the ocean with Akio, Maho, and Kai. She uses money from her part time job, and gives presents to Akio and Maho. But due to her conflicted feelings, Maho burns the hand-made strap she received as a gift from Shiori...

Please look at Ribon Mascot Comics volume 1~3 for full details, ok!

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The Swarovski Heart I re-made many times.
The individual elements which I worried over and spent many hours carefully choosing for at the store.
BEFORE THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED,
YOU OFTEN REMINDED ME THAT SHE'S TRULY A GOOD PERSON, DIDN'T YOU?
.....A-CHAN.
was tragically burned to ashes.
The handmade strap I gave as a present to Maa-chan

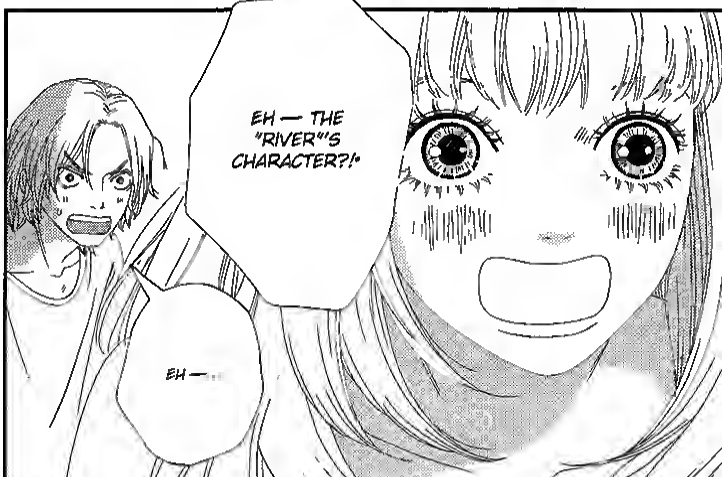
...THEN, WHY DID SHE CHANGE?
IF HER MEMORIES COME BACK, WHAT WILL BECOME OF HER?
WHEN SHE WAS A KID, SHII-CHAN WAS BRIGHT, LIVELY,
AND ALWAYS THE FIRST TO MAKE THE FAMILY LAUGH.
SHE WAS ALSO OFTEN LOOKING AFTER YOU, MAA-CHAN
.....YEAH.
BETWEEN THAT PERSON FROM BEFORE THE ACCIDENT, AND THAT PERSON RIGHT NOW,
WHICH IS THE REAL ONE?

WELL THEN, SHALL WE GO TO SLEEP SOON?
WE ALREADY PLAYED A LOT, AND I'M TIRED
EH, BUT-
I'LL TURN OFF THE LIGHT
SERIOUSLY... EVEN THOUGH ONII-SAN IS HERE, THIS IS BAD, ISN'T IT? THIS SITUATION
Glance
BA-THUMP

I'LL GET MY HEAD SPLIT BY HER AGAIN
NO NO, THIS IS BAD.THIS IS BAD
"POOR KID I WONDER IF SHE HAD A LOT OF PAINFUL EXPE-RIENCES "
I wonder if I'm cold-hearted.
Is that the extent of my feelings?
Even though I saw Maa-chan in that state
Even though it's my fault.
I can't feel sympathy for her

If he knew about me thinking that way,
A-chan would absolutely be sad, wouldn't he?
MAA-CHAN FELL ASLEEP, SO SHII-CHAN SHOULD ALSO SLEEP IN THE ROOM OVER THERE—
SHII-CHAN,
CLICK

Jshoujo Scans
AH
A-CHAN
KNEELS DOWN
BEFORE FALLING ASLEEP, SHE ALREADY CALMED DOWN, SO...
YEAH, SHE'S ALRIGHT.
Tricks
...IS MAA-CHAN?
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE. KAI-KUN DOESN'T HAVE ANY INTEREST IN THE PRESENT ME ANYWAY
RIGHT?
THAT REASONING IS NOT SOUND...
BECAUSE MAA-CHAN HATES ME, IT WILL BE UNPLEASANT FOR HER WHEN SHE WAKES UP NEXT TO ME.
Sleepy
SLEEPING IN THIS ROOM IS FINE.



*T/N: The character for river has two longer lines on either side of a smaller line. It's often used in Japan to reference two parents sleeping with a child between them. In this case, it would be Akio and Shiori who are taller, sleeping with Maho who is shorter between them.

A bit lonely
Or rather
Scarescary...eurt...
No,
IF IT'S LIKE THAT, OVER HERE I'LL BE ALONE AND THAT'S...
Kai-kun...?
...A-CHAN, ARE YOU AWAKE?
YEAH.
EVEN THOUGH I WAS DOZING OFF A BIT BEFORE...
IT'S NO GOOD I'M COMPLETELY AWAKE

I WONDER IF KAI IS ASLEEP
PROBABLY
SHII-CHAN
MAA-CHAN IS ALSO CONFUSED
PLEASE FORGIVE HER
SMORE SMORE
I...
ABOUT MAA-CHAN, I LIKE HER

EVEN IF MAA-CHAN WILL ALWAYS HATE THE OLD ME AND PRESENT ME,
I WILL STILL LIKE MAA-CHAN
...
AND A-CHAN, TOO...
ALWAYS...

SO...
SO LIKE, IT'S ALL RIGHT SO DON'T WORRY.
IT'S A BIT DISHEARTENING ABOUT THE GIFT, BUT...
ABOUT THAT SHII-CHAN MAA-CHAN DOESN'T HATE YOU

Ishou Scans
WHAT IS THIS...?
Maa-chan was the Maa-chan she always was.
In the morning when she woke up.
Ishou Scans

HAAA—
AS I THOUGHT, OUR OWN HOME IS ALWAYS BETTER, ISN'T IT?
A-CHAN, YOU'RE LIKE AN OLD MAN
It was only a one night trip
Last night.
I WONDER IF IT WAS JUST MY IMAGINATION
IT WAS LIKE—I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT WELL, BUT FOR AN INSTANT HE APPEARED DIFFERENT
SHII-CHAN, THERE'S AN EXPRESS HOME DELIVERY SERVICE ABSENCE VOUCHER...
COLLECTION A IS COOKIE STYLE'S PUBLISHER, ISN'T IT?

YUUSUKE...
Are you already back from camping?
Oh. Kai
YEAH.
YOU KNOW, I.
I LIKED SHIORI-SENPAI, BUT
ABOUT THAT PERSON, I LIKE HER.
Huh?
ABOUT NUMBER 2
SOMEWHAT EXTREMELY...
I ALSO LIKE NUMBER 2

KIKUKAWA SHIORI
I knew that from a while back
Ah—
Cookie Style
Cookie

SERIOUSLY?
HUH?
SHI-CHAN
WHOA WHOA WHOA
THE CAMERA TEST WAS COMPLETELY NO GOOD, SO...
BUT...
SERIOUSLY?! POLL NUMBER 13! KIKUKAWA SHIORI!
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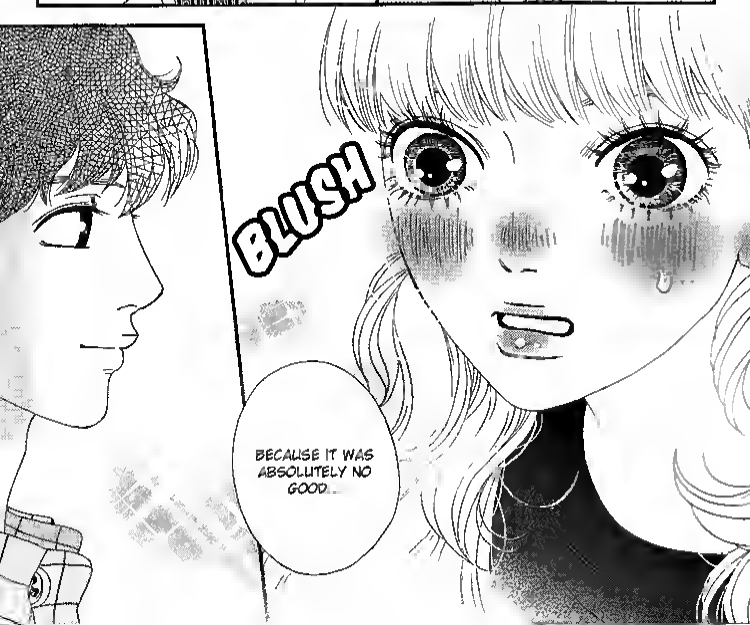
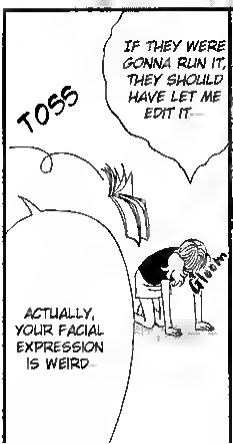

BLUSH
BECAUSE IT WAS ABSOLUTELY NO GOOD...

I can't believe this.

Ahh, but I wonder if I'm happy.

I don't understand this very well.



Hello Everyone

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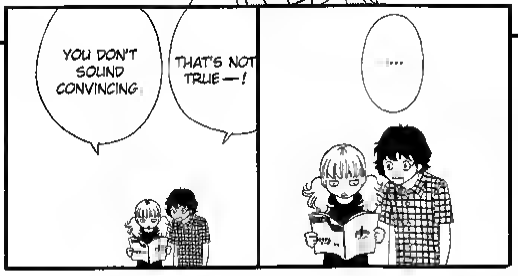
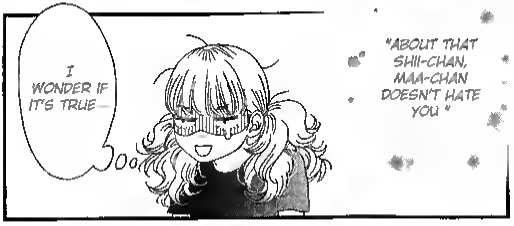




DID YOU SEE IT?!
I SAW IT, I SAW IT. I WAS REALLY SURPRISED...
IT REALLY WAS KIKUKAWA SHIORI
WHAT, WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THIS IS KIND OF AMAZING ISN'T IT?
THIS MAGAZINE FEATURED FAN MODELS LIKE XX-CHAN DOESN'T IT?
DID YOU KNOW, CHIKA?
SHOW ME, SHOW ME.
AH- SHE'S HERE!

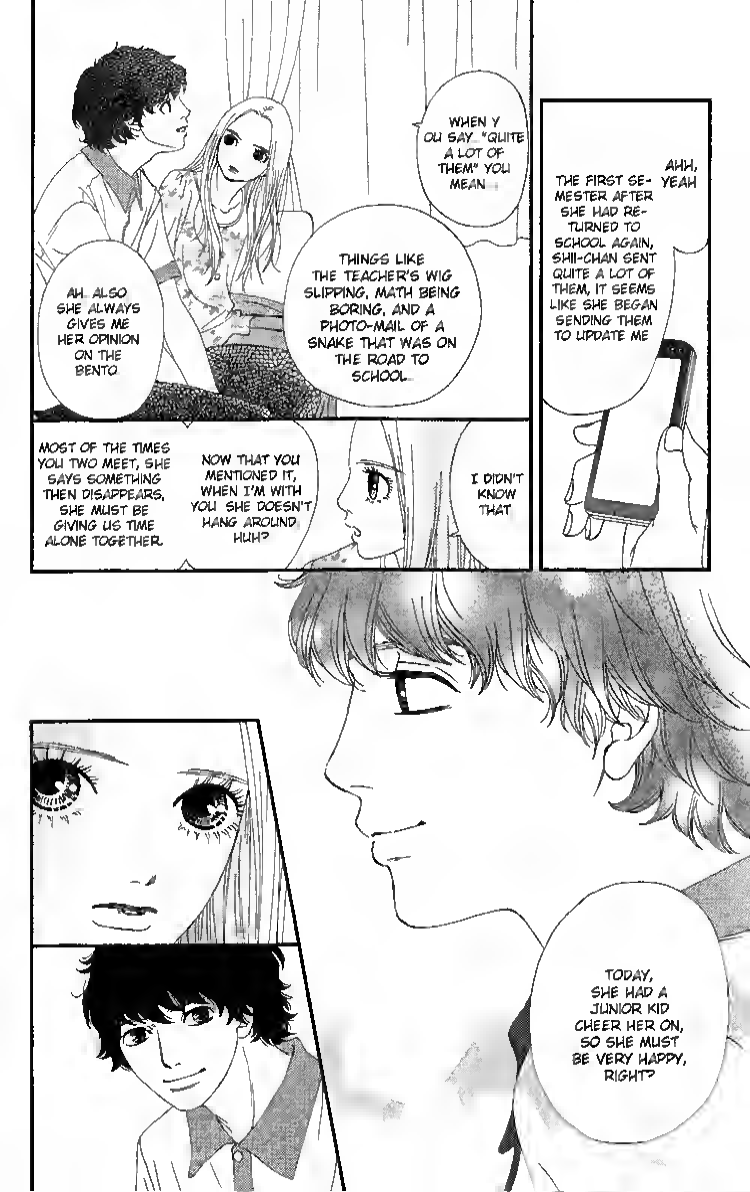
*T/N: norishio flavour = nori (seawater) + salt flavour

IT'S A HOT TOPIC EVEN IN OUR CLASS, THEY KEEP ASKING US "WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS KIKUKAWA-SENPAI?"
SERIOUSLY?
I DON'T LIKE IT
EVERYONE JUST STAYS AT A DISTANCE AND WHISPERS. NOBODY COMES AND CALLS OUT TO ME.
RIGHT, KAI?
ABOUT HOW THEY'RE MAKING A RACKET IN THE CLASSROOM ABOUT THE MAGAZINE
A—h
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT WHAT?
STARE
Cookie Style
Cookie
Somehow Sapphi's picture is the only one with a mysterious smile isn't it?
Ack! Please don't say that!
I'M GOING TO QUIT CALLING YOU "NUMBER 2"
HEY.
PLEASE BE CAREFUL WITH THAT! IT'S MINE
STOP STARING AT IT LIKE THAT!
Flip
WHY DID YOU BUY IT?
THAT'S... TO READ IT, RIGHT?

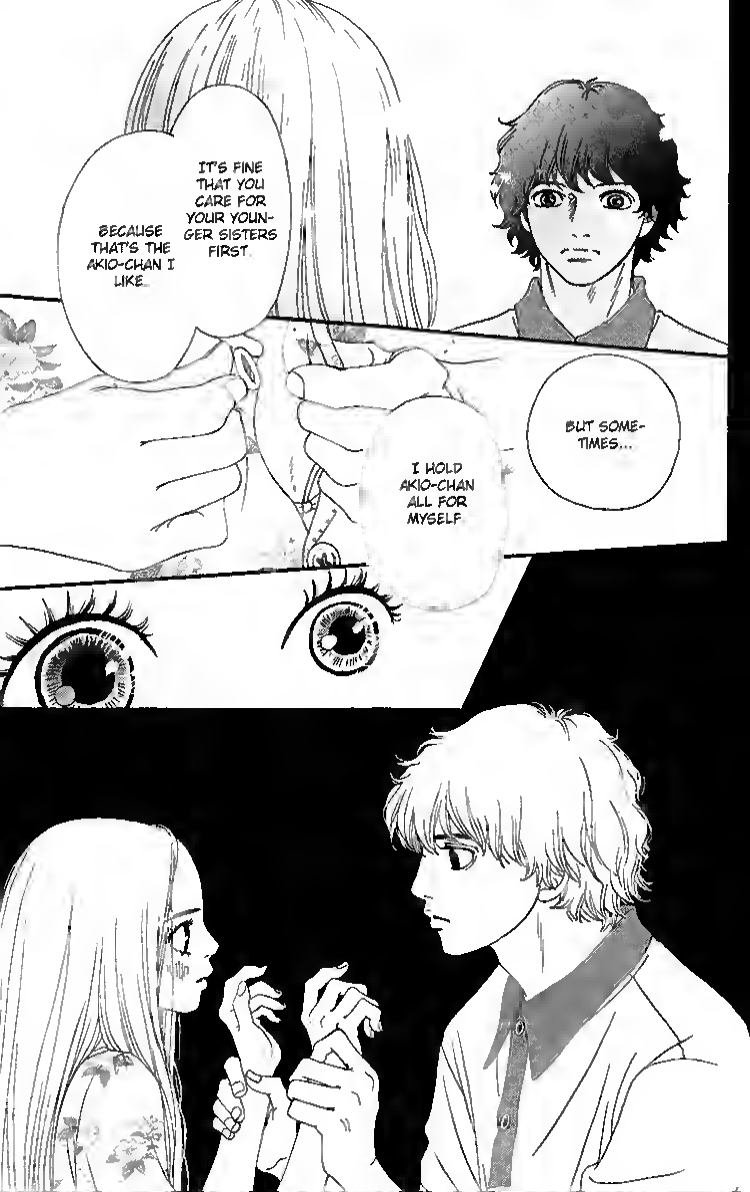
NO.
WITHOUT A HONORIFIC.
"SHIORI".
Huh.
WILL YOU RETURN TO "SHIORI-SENPAI"?
FOR THIS PERSON, SAYING HER NAME WITHOUT A HONORIFIC IS FINE!
HM? IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME WHAT YOU CALL ME...
BUT IF IT'S UNPLEASANT, I'LL STOP.
IT'S LIKE AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT'S EXPRESSION OF LOVE, ISN'T IT?
The- then will it be alright even if it's "Pillug"?!
If it's like that I'll call you "Wormworm."
UM...

EEK
UM... YOU'RE KIKUKAWA-SENPAI, AREN'T YOU?
YES, THAT'S ME
BUT...
WE SAW COOKIE STYLE-!
WE WILL BE CHEERING SENPAI ON! SENPAI IS THE CUTEST ONE! THE ABSOLUTE GRAND PRIX WINNER!
Eh
PLEASE- PLEASE TAKE A PICTURE TOGETHER WITH US!
heh heh heh
EH?
Eh

Ring-a-ling ling
EH—!
New Arrivals -chan
SHE SAID AT SCHOOL, SHE WAS CALLED OUT BY SOME JUNIOR GIRLS AND WAS SURPRISED.
SHII-CHAN.
MAIL? FROM WHO?
SHE HAD WROTE HER MESSAGE ALL IN CAPS. IT SEEM THAT THEY SAID THAT THEY WILL CHEER HER ON IN HER AUDITIONS AND THINGS LIKE THAT SO SHE WAS EXTREMELY EMBARRASSED.
YOU EXCHANGE THEM FAIRLY OFTEN?
HM?
MAIL WITH SHIORI-CHAN
OH THE REPLY IS, "I WON'T BECOME ONE!"
AHAHA
WON'T SHIORI-CHAN END UP BECOMING THE SCHOOL'S IDOL?
LET'S TRY SENDING THAT.


AHH, YEAH
THE FIRST SEMESTER AFTER SHE HAD RETURNED TO SCHOOL AGAIN, SHII-CHAN SENT QUITE A LOT OF THEM. IT SEEMS LIKE SHE BEGAN SENDING THEM TO UPDATE ME
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT
NOW THAT YOU MENTIONED IT, WHEN I'M WITH YOU SHE DOESN'T HANG AROUND HUH?
MOST OF THE TIMES YOU TWO MEET, SHE SAYS SOMETHING THEN DISAPPEARS, SHE MUST BE GIVING US TIME ALONE TOGETHER.
WHEN Y OU SAY "QUITE A LOT OF THEM" YOU MEAN...
THINGS LIKE THE TEACHER'S WIG SLIPPING, MATH BEING BORING, AND A PHOTO-MAIL OF A SNAKE THAT WAS ON THE ROAD TO SCHOOL.
AH. ALSO SHE ALWAYS GIVES ME HER OPINION ON THE BENTO
TODAY, SHE HAD A JUNIOR KID CHEER HER ON, SO SHE MUST BE VERY HAPPY, RIGHT?

I ALSO WANT TO BEHAVE LIKE A SPOILED CHILD TO AKIO-CHAN
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
... NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, WHEN SHE WAS A KID,
SHIORI-CHAN WAS ALWAYS GOING AROUND AND CLINGING TO AKIO-CHAN, HUH...


IT'S FINE THAT YOU CARE FOR YOUR YOUNGER SISTERS FIRST.
BECAUSE THAT'S THE AKIO-CHAN I LIKE.
BUT SOMETIMES...
I HOLD AKIO-CHAN ALL FOR MYSELF.

I'M LIKE A FOOL, AREN'T I...?
BEING JEALOUS OF YOUR YOUNGER SISTER AND STUFF LIKE THAT...

I LIKE YOU, MIZUKI-CHAN.

FOR A LONG TIME NOW. I'VE ALWAYS...

"ALWAYS..."

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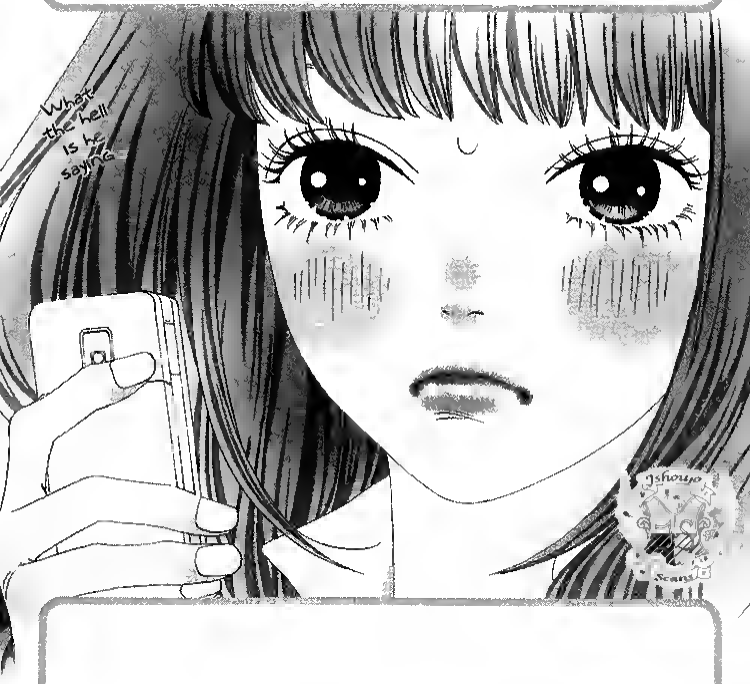
✉ A-chan

Shi-chan, what if you end up becoming the school's idol?



Reply: I won't!!

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That surprised me.
I didn't think they'd say that.
SENPAI IS THE CUTEST ONE! YOU'LL DEFINITELY WIN!
WE SAW COOKIE STYLE-!
It was extremely embarassing but
It made me happy.
As usual, most people are looking at me with doubt.
THERE'S NO WAY SHE COULD BECOME A FAN MODEL OTHERWISE
THAT MEMORY LOSS THING MUST BE A LIE AFTER ALL
SHE'S FLAUNTING HERSELF WITH THE AUDITION ISN'T SHE?!

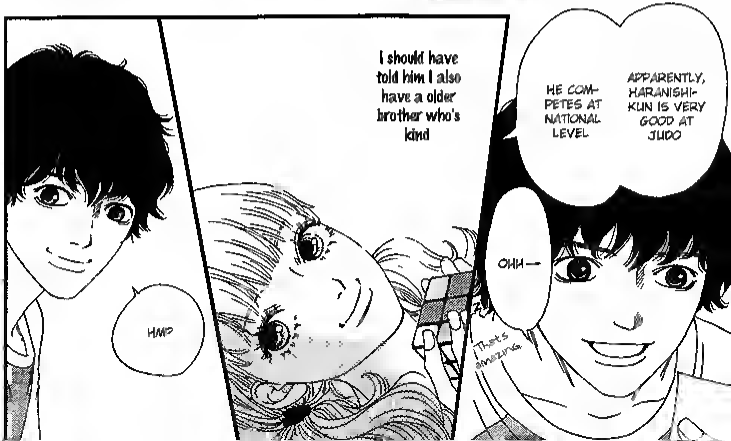
"WE WILL BE CHEERING SENPAI ON!"
KIKUKAWA,
This person is in my class?
What was his name again?
EH— WHAT IS IT?
I WOULD WANT TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU
HAVE A WORD?
He's TOTALLY scary! What's this about?
I'M IN A HURRY TODAY SO—
SO SAY IT TO ME HERE
DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?

YOU SEE, IT SEEMS MY SISTER LOOKS UP TO THE MODELS OF THE MAGAZINE YOU WERE IN
SHE INSISTED THAT I ASK YOU HOW SHE CAN PASS THE AUDITIONS
Co's I'm worried about you being in my class
Bright
—OOH? YOUR SISTER?
SHE— SHE'S IN THIRD GRADE BUT SHE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ME AT ALL SHE'S PRETTY CUTE
IF YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE OR SOMETHING, CAN YOU TELL ME?

UMM...
I WAS ACTUALLY VERY NERVOUS AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, THE INTERVIEW AND CAMERA TEST AND SO ON, WERE OVER.
TO BE HONEST, I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW I GOT THROUGH.
AH...
Bye
WELL, SORRY FOR DISTURBING YOU.
...AH. IS THAT RIGHT? SO THAT'S HOW IT WENT HUH?
UM, HEY!

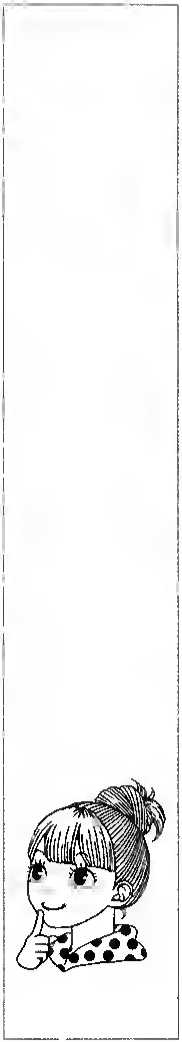
SORRY I WASN'T ANY HELP.
APOLOGIZE TO YOUR SISTER FOR ME.
SEE YOU TOMORROW THEN.
OH— YEAH
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW
HARANISHI-KUN IS VERY INTIMIDAT-ING, OR RATHER, HE'S POWERFUL.
IN CLASS HE'S QUIET AND SITS DOWN WITH A THUD

WHEN HE CALLED OUT TO ME I WONDERED WHAT HE WANTED AND ALMOST CRAPPED MY PANTS BUT
EVER SINCE HE TALKED TO ME ABOUT HIS SISTER HE'S BEEN GREETING ME EVERY MORNING
HE JUST GREETS ME, NOTHING MORE.
I WONDER IF HE'S LIKE THIS TO OTHER GIRLS
Click Click Click
IN MY CLASS TOO.
SAYING 'MORNING' ON THE WAY TO CLASS


APPARENTLY, HARANISHI-KUN IS VERY GOOD AT JUDO
HE COMPETES AT NATIONAL LEVEL
OHH—
That's amazing
I should have told him I also have a older brother who's kind
HMP

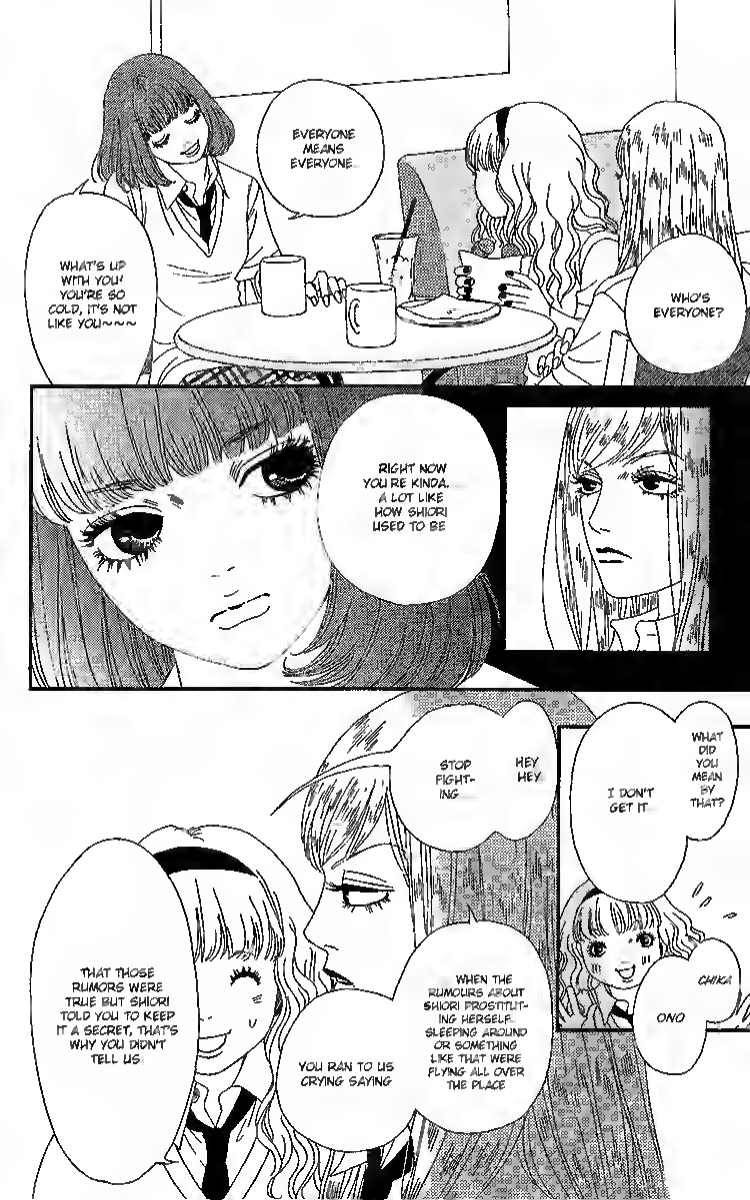
AM I IN THE WAY?
YOU AREN'T.
AGAIN THE HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNT BOOK?
'AGAIN'?
IT'S SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO CHECK UP ON EVERY DAY
DO YOU WANT GIVE IT A TRY?
IT'LL BE USEFUL TO YOU IN THE FUTURE IF YOU LEARN HOW TO DO IT
'IN THE FUTURE'?
WHEN YOU LIVE BY YOUR OWN OR WHEN YOU HAVE YOUR OWN FAMILY.
NO- THAT'S SO LAME
HEY HEY!
So rude
C'OZ I'M SURE TO GIVE UP ON IT AFTER 3 DAYS

SHI-CHAN, DON'T FALL ASLEEP HERE
I QUITE LIKE CLEANING THOUGH. I WONDER WHY—
I ALSO THINK COOKING IS A TOTAL WASTE OF TIME~
I love spending a lazy evening in A-chan's room from time to time.
being near him while he's doing something.
Doing stuff like talking or reading manga.


A-CHAN, A-CHAN,
HEY, CAN YOU DO THIS?
It'd be good if we can always stay like this...
Hahaha
Aaa

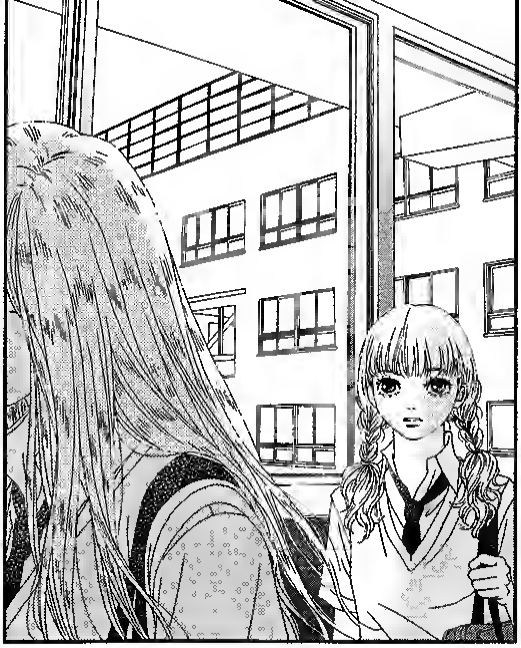
MORNING KIKUKAWA
MORNING!
KIKUKAWA-SAN, MORNING!
MORNING!
MORNIN'
YOU KNOW,
SHE'S REALLY DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE.
FRES
DOM

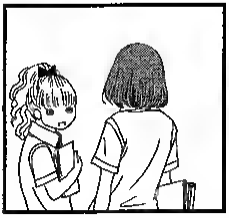
BEFORE, WHEN A PLAIN GIRL SAID SOMETHING TO HER, SHE HAD THIS ATTITUDE FULL OF CONTEMPT, DIDN'T SHE?
IT MUST BE AN ACT
SHIORI'S JUST GOOD AT IT.
BUT HEY, IT'S BEEN A WHILE NOW SINCE THE ACCIDENT, RIGHT?
YOU SAID SHE'S LYING ABOUT THE AMNESIA TO GAIN ATTENTION BUT
CAN SOMEONE REALLY BE PRETENDING FOR SUCH A LONG TIME?
AFTER ALL, IT'S NOT LIKE SHE'S GAINING ANYTHING FROM IT...
She's far from Sairuna anymore, she's anything, she's being ignore by everyone.
IN OTHERWORDS, YOU TRUST HER MORE THAN ME...
HA?
NOT REALLY, I DIDN'T SAY THAT
EVERYONE'S SAYING THAT THIS AMNESIA THING IS A LIE.
THE FACT THAT SHE SO FOOLISHLY APPLIED TO BE A FAN MODEL IS PROOF ENOUGH, ISN'T IT?

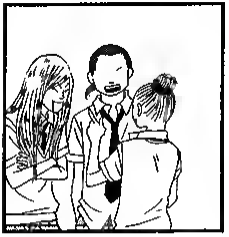

WHAT'S UP WITH YOU! YOU'RE SO COLD, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU~~~
EVERYONE MEANS EVERYONE...
WHO'S EVERYONE?
RIGHT NOW YOU'RE KINDA, A LOT LIKE HOW SHIORI USED TO BE
WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?
I DON'T GET IT...
CHIKA ONO
HEY HEY
STOP FIGHT-ING
WHEN THE RUMOURS ABOUT SHIORI PROSTITUT-ING HERSELF, SLEEPING AROUND OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT WERE FLYING ALL OVER THE PLACE
YOU RAN TO US CRYING SAYING
THAT THOSE RUMORS WERE TRUE BUT SHIORI TOLD YOU TO KEEP IT A SECRET, THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T TELL US

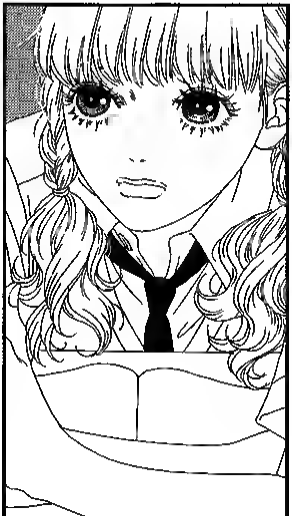
IT'S TRUE THAT SHIORI ALWAYS CHANGED BOYFRIEND PRETTY FAST AND WOULD DISAPPEAR WITH A GUY AT A GOUKON BUT
THAT'S BECAUSE THE GUYS SHE LIKED WERE LOUD SO IT FELT WRONG TO STAY AND BE A BOTHER
BECAUSE YOU GOT ALONG SO WELL WITH SHIORI I BELIEVED YOU BUT
BUT THERE ARE ALSO GIRLS WHO SAID THE RUMORS STARTED FROM YOU
I'VE GOT A DISCOUNT COUPON!
HEY, HEY, WHY DON'T WE GO TO KARAOKE TODAY?!
HEY, ONO,
I'VE ALREADY BEEN THINKING THIS BEFORE BUT
YOU HAVE SMALL EYES SO BLONDE HAIR DOESN'T REALLY SUIT YOU

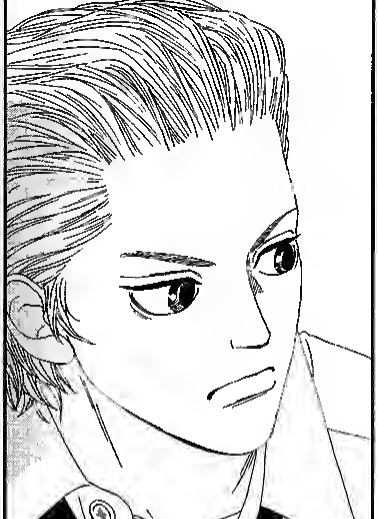
—I WILL TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID ABOUT YOU BEING LIKE HOW SHIORI USED TO BE.
IT'S NOT LIKE SHE HAD A GOOD PERSONALITY
BUT SHE WASN'T AS BITCHY AS YOU
MORNING SHIORI!
MOR.

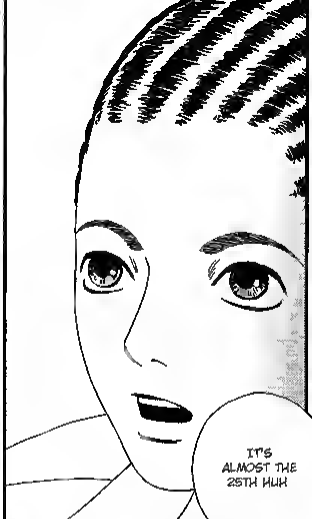




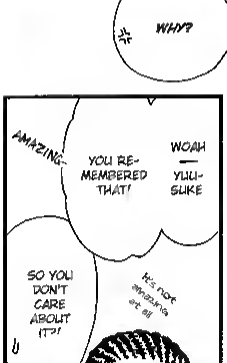


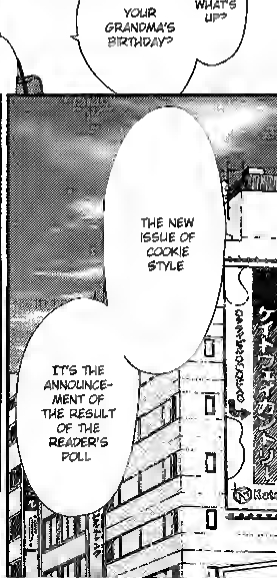





IT'S ALMOST THE 25TH HUH

WHY?
chuckle
YOUR GRANDMA'S BIRTHDAY?
WHAT'S UP?


AMAZING-
YOU REMEMBERED THAT!
WOAH — YUU-SUKE
SO YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT IT?!
He's not amazing at all

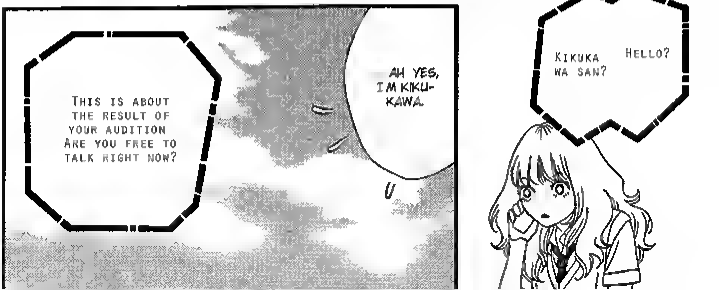

THE NEW ISSUE OF COOKIE STYLE
IT'S THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULT OF THE READER'S POLL

IF SENPAI PASSES AND BECOMES A MODEL SHE MIGHT BECOME FAMOUS SHE MIGHT BECOME A STAR THAT SHE'D BE OUT OF YOUR REACH BEFORE YOU KNOW IT
"A STAR" IN THIS DAY AND AGE?
You really are your grandma's kid
IT'S NOT THAT EASY THOUGH
The SHOWBIZ World
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT
SHIORI SENPAI IS A BEAUTIFUL GIRL AFTER ALL
SHE DOESN'T SEEM SO AWARE OF IT HERSELF THOUGH
4 DAYS LEFT UNTIL THE ANNOUNCE-MENT HUH

It's strange...
I know I'm not gonna win
but I'm still nervous...
A-CHAN
LET ME LAZE AROUND FOR A BIT AGAIN
GO AHEAD.

HA— —THE TATAMI FEELS SO GOOD—— —
THERE'S A NEW VOLUME OF 'PURGATORY PLANET' OUT
WANNA READ?
HMM— NOOO—
DON'T FEEL LIKE READING MANGA RIGHT NOW.
11 12 13 14
18 19 20 21 22 23 24
25 26 27 28 29 30
Menu
Select
New

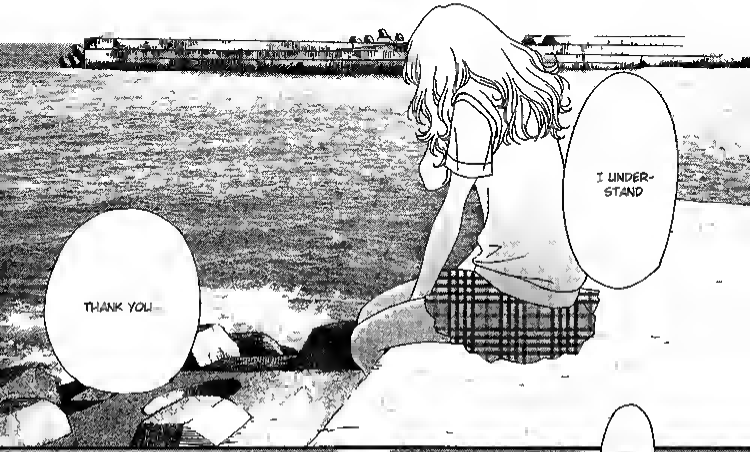
I M OOWADA FROM COOKIF STYLE
AM I SPEAKING WITH KIKUKAWA SHIORI SAN?


THIS IS ABOUT THE RESULT OF YOUR AUDITION ARE YOU FREE TO TALK RIGHT NOW?
AH YES, IM KIKU-KAWA.
KIKUKA WA SAN?
HELLO?

SMOKING ROOM
THERE'S A LOT TO DO AFTER THIS
WE'RE TELLING THE APPLICANTS THE RESULT A BIT EARLIER
THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE MAGAZINE IS TOMORROW ISN'T
UH
YES
I SEE
THEN I'LL GIVE YOU YOUR RESULT OKAY
THUMP
THUMP
FLASH
THUMP
KIKUKAWA SHIORI SAH
YOUR RESULT
THUMP

YOU DIDN'T PASS.

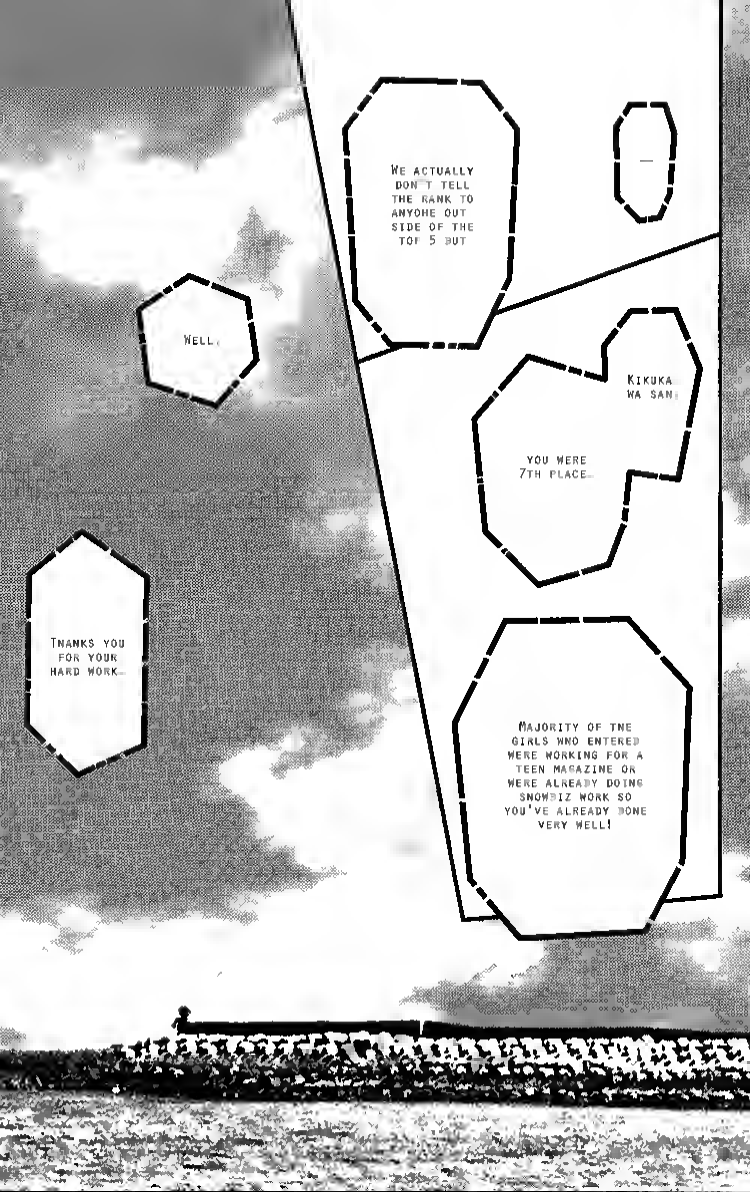
Huh?



Somehow, I...

I've had enough...

It's surprising even to me but
I'M A LITTLE PISSED
I MIGHT AS WELL TRY HARDER
BUT IF I'M DOING SOME-THING
THAT'S WHAT I THINK NOW.
SO YOU THOUGHT YOU MIGHT GAIN SOMETHING IF YOU DID SOMETHING AND CAME TO THE AUDI TION.
THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING
YOU TOLD US AT THE AUDITION DIDN'T YOU
HUH?
DID YOU GAIN SOMETHING?
I DON'T KNOW

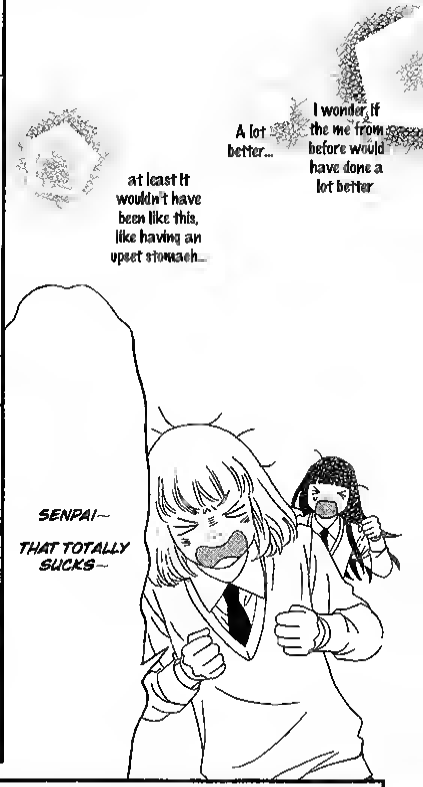

Well...
Thanks you for your hard work...
We actually don't tell the rank to anyone out side of the top 5 but
—
Kikuka wa san:
you were 7th place...
Majority of the girls who entered were working for a teen magazine or were already doing showbiz work so you've already done very well!

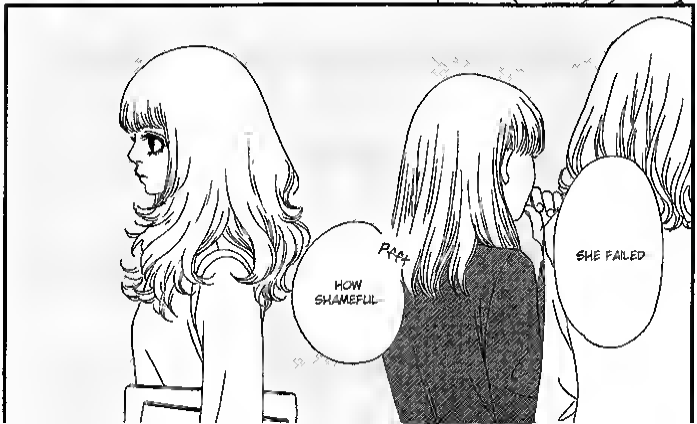
HELLO A-CHAN?
YEAH
I JUST GOT A CALL FROM THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.
I DIDN'T PASS.
I SEE.
THAT'S TOO BAD
HM WELL. I ALREADY SUSPECTED IT THOUGH.

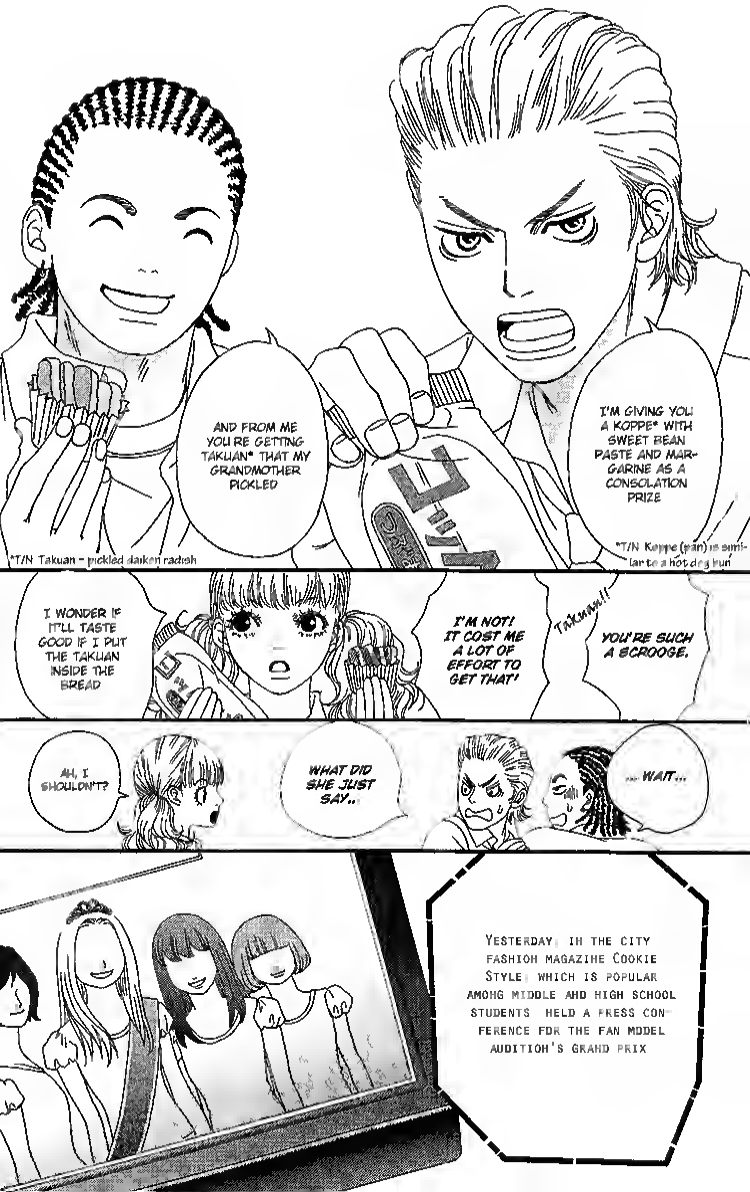
AHAHA, I'M NOT DOWN
I MEAN, IT'S ALREADY A MIRACLE THAT I MADE IT INTO THE VOTER'S POLL
THAT'S HOW IT IS
I'M ON MY WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL.
YEAH, I'M ALMOST HOME.

7th place..

NAH NAH, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
EH
YOU WILL DEFINITELY GET INTO A BIG TALENT AGENCY IT WAS A PUT-UP JOB.
Anyway don't speak so loud. It's embarrassing.
DON'T FEEL DOWN, KIKUKAWA
YEAH, YEAH, IT REALLY IS!
BUT IT'S ALREADY AMAZING! YOU MANAGED TO STAY IN UNTIL THE END


A lot better...
I wonder if the me from before would have done a lot better
at least it wouldn't have been like this, like having an upset stomach...
SENPAI~
THAT TOTALLY SUCKS~


HOW SHAMEFUL
PAAK
SHE FAILED


AND FROM ME YOU'RE GETTING TAKUAN* THAT MY GRANDMOTHER PICKLED
I'M GIVING YOU A KOPPE* WITH SWEET BEAN PASTE AND MARGARINE AS A CONSOLATION PRIZE
*T/N Takuan = pickled daikon radish
*T/N Koppe (pan) is similar to a hot dog bun
I WONDER IF IT'LL TASTE GOOD IF I PUT THE TAKUAN INSIDE THE BREAD
I'M NOT! IT COST ME A LOT OF EFFORT TO GET THAT!
TAKUAN!!
YOU'RE SUCH A SCROOGE.
AH, I SHOULDN'T?
WHAT DID SHE JUST SAY..
... WAIT...
YESTERDAY, IN THE CITY FASHION MAGAZINE COOKIE STYLE, WHICH IS POPULAR AMONG MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE FOR THE FAN MODEL AUDITION'S GRAND PRIX

HEY LOOK, BOTH OF YOU!
HER LEGS ARE SO~O LONG!
AH! I REMEMBER HER.
DURING THE CAMERA TEST THERE WERE MANY CUTE GIRLS BUT SHE STOOD OUT AMONG THEM.
ISN'T SHE TOO SKINNY?
A-CHAN, IN REALITY SHE'S EVEN SKINNIER.
AKIO-CHAN, YOU'RE ACTUALLY VERY RELIEVED THAT SHIORI-CHAN DIDN'T PASS, RIGHT

BUT I'M NOT THAT RELIEVED...
—OF COURSE, THAT KIND OF WORLD WOULD WORRY ME—
YOU'RE LYING, YOU'RE VERY RELIEVED
AKIO-CHAN, UMM
AH- BUT I'M GLAD!
GEEZ, YOU'RE SUCH AN OVER-PROTECTIVE BROTHER
WHY DON'T YOU CHILL OUT A BIT

THAT YOU HAVE SHIORI-CHAN AS YOUR SISTER
BECAUSE IF YOU HAD SUCH A CUTE GIRL AT YOUR SIDE UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU MIGHT HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HER.

—I'M SUCH A NAG!
SORRY, I WON'T MENTION IT AGAIN.
HUH?
AKIO-CHAN, DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
NO.
NOTHING AT ALL

Thanks to the audition
I had more people to talk to at school.
Just when I thought that everything might be as before again when things calm down
everyone acted the same as usual.
I'm happy
but
I feel like I've got a gaping hole in my heart now.
It's not like I wanted to become a model.
I just didn't know how to handle my feelings for A-chan.
I only wanted to have something to take my mind off things.
"DID YOU GAIN SOMETHING?"

I see.
It's not only about A-chan.
I want to do something myself.
Something...
Of being praised or appreciated by people.
I don't have any memories of studying for a test or running at an athletic event
Of being so much into something that people get tired of me.
I don't have any memories of working hard for something, of feeling satisfied or feeling regret.

KIKUKAWA-SAN
I don't have anything like that.
YOU'RE SHIORI KIKUKAWA-SAN, RIGHT

I'M HERE TO SCOUT YOU
I'M ASAGI FROM THE TALENT AGENCY AMIE

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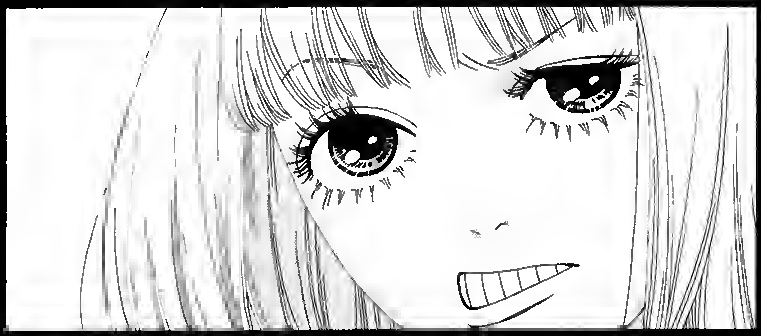

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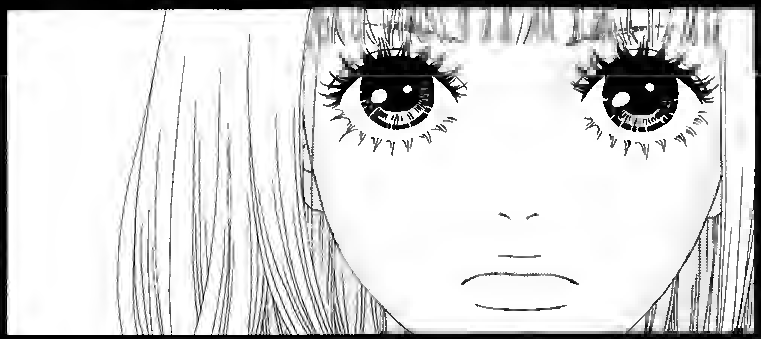

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One week after results of the contest came out
pretty much everybody at home and at school stopped talking about it.
And my life went back to normal
DAIKI-KUN
DAI-CHAN!!
BOTH OF YOU ARE TOGETHER.
OH!

I'VE BEEN LIVING TOGETHER WITH A WOMAN IN YOKOHAMA.
I HAD A FIGHT WITH HER AND SHE THREW MY PHONE INTO THE SEA
Uuh
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING?!
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT YOU SINCE SPRING I WAS WORRIED YOU KNOW!
I BROKE UP WITH HER AFTER THAT FIGHT
THEN, I WANDERED AROUND RANDOMLY AND WORKED AT A BAR FOR SOME TIME
WELL I WOKE UP ONE DAY AND SOMEHOW FELT LIKE COMING BACK, SO I CAME BACK YESTERDAY
Ah, then I asked my mother for your phone number and called you
AS USUAL YOU JUST GO AND DO WHATEVER YOU PLEASE, HUH DAI-CHAN?
ANYWAY, SINCE WHEN DID YOU TWO BECOME AN ITEM?
I MEAN, MIZUKI DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WANTED TO BECOME A VOICE ACTRESS AND LEFT FOR TOKYO?
I'M FINE WITH THAT, THOUGH

NAH. YOU WOULDN'T INVENT SOMETHING LIKE THIS
IT'S QUITE A TALE HUH?
OOH-
I SEE I SEE.
AND SO MIZUKI THEN TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS, RETURNED TO HER HOME TOWN AND STUCK CLOSE TO AKIO.
SHIORI HAS AMNESIA
YOU GUYS HAVE HAD THIS NONSENSE GOING ON SINCE YOU WERE IN ELEMENTARY.
IT'S OKAY, RIGHT?
DAI-CHAN!

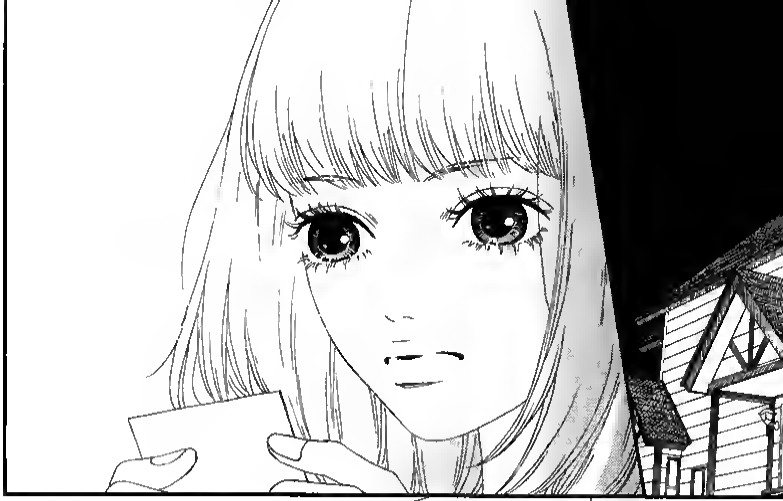
BUT STILL, THIS CALLS FOR A CELEBRATION!
Even though he has a bigger dick than me.
HE'S JUST A GUTLESS COWARD WHO PUTS ON A SERIOUS FACE
IT'S CERTAIN THAT IF HE HADN'T STARTED DATING YOU, HE'D STILL BE A VIRGIN
AT LEAST MIZUKI,
DAI-CHAN!!
Mizuki-chan
I just got home!
If only I didn't have to work tomorrow... #sniff#
Don't drink too much.
DAI-CHAN.
AH, RIGHT.
MIZUKI-CHAN SAYS SHE JUST GOT HOME
NOT THAT!
AH, YOU WERE KEEPING YOUR VIRGINITY A SECRET?
SORRY, SORRY
DON'T SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT
TO MIZUKI AGAIN

ABOUT YOUR FAMILY'S SITUATION
DID YOU TELL SAKI?
NO...
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL HER SEVERAL TIMES BUT...
NOT YET
WHY?! YOU DON'T HAVE ANY UNDERHANDED INTENTIONS, RIGHT?
I'M SCARED...

I'VE BEEN THINKING "CAN'T I SOMEHOW JUST KEEP ON DECEIVING HER?"
HA HA HA

THAT IF I TALK ABOUT IT, SOMETHING WILL CHANGE AGAIN.

IT'S LIKE YOU SAID.
I'M A SLY COWARD.



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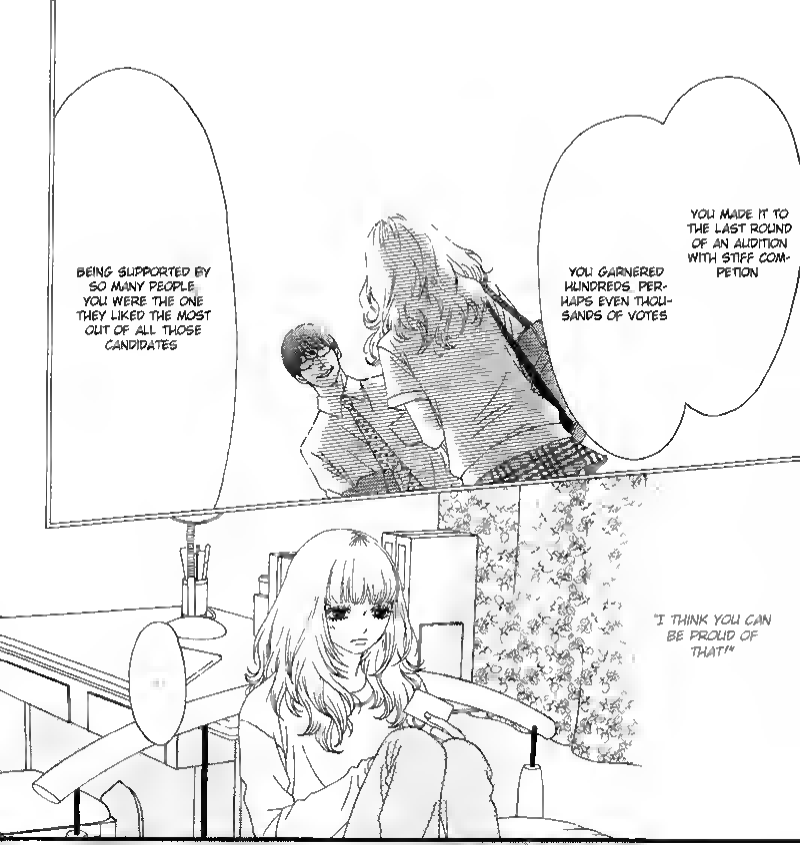
THIS IS MY BUSINESS CARD AND OUR PRODUCTION'S LEAFLET
Amie
YOU'RE HERE TO SCOUT ME?
THAT'S RIGHT
FOR AN AV*
NO
*T/N AV = Adult Video
I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR BEING SUSPICIOUS, BEING AMBUSHED LIKE THIS ON YOUR WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL
PLEASE TALK IT OVER WITH YOUR FAMILY
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED CONFIRMATION, YOU CAN CONTACT ME ANY TIME
OF COURSE I CAN ALSO VISIT YOUR HOME AND EXPLAIN EVERYTHING

BUT,
WHAT SHOULD I DO? I CAN'T JUST DO ANYTHING THOUGH.
IF YOU MEAN BECOMING A MODEL, TV PERSONALITY, AN ACTRESS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT,
WELL IT'LL HAPPEN ONCE THE STAFF, ME INCLUDED, GETS TO KNOW YOU.
AND YOU GET TO KNOW YOURSELF.
WE CAN DECIDE ON EVERYTHING ONCE YOU ARE FAMOUS.
BESIDES, KUKUKANA-SAN, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
When I get to know myself.


BEING SUPPORTED BY SO MANY PEOPLE, YOU WERE THE ONE THEY LIKED THE MOST OUT OF ALL THOSE CANDIDATES
YOU GARNERED HUNDREDS, PERHAPS EVEN THOUSANDS OF VOTES
YOU MADE IT TO THE LAST ROUND OF AN AUDITION WITH STIFF COMPETION
"I THINK YOU CAN BE PROUD OF THAT!"

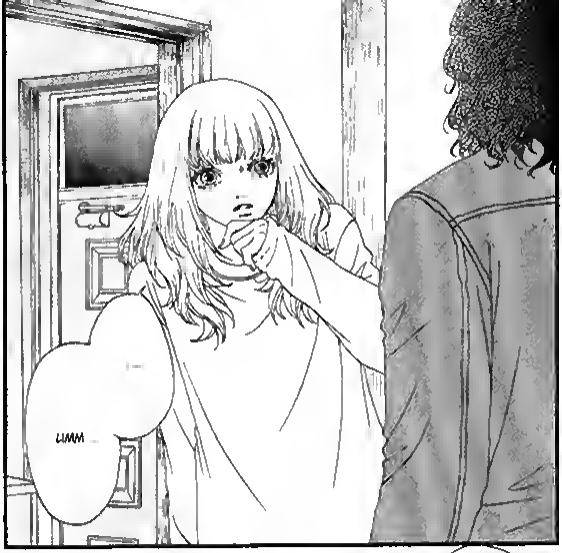
I want to do something

I hate losing my memories.

Is there really something

which I can do?

"PLEASE TALK IT OVER WITH YOUR FAMILY"
I'M HOME~
SURPRISE
WELCOME HOME A-CHAN
MA-CHAN IS ALREADY SLEEPING
OH
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, SHIORI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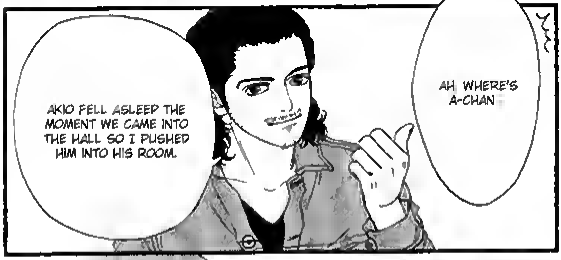
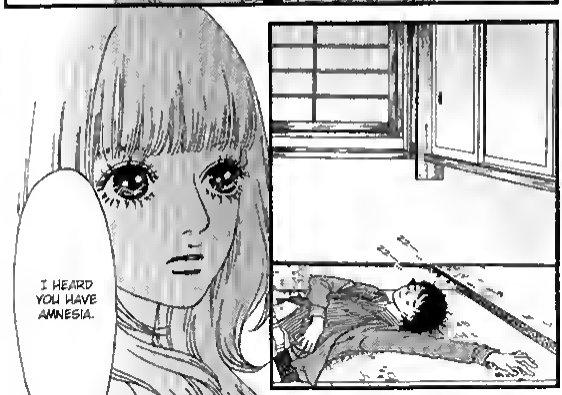
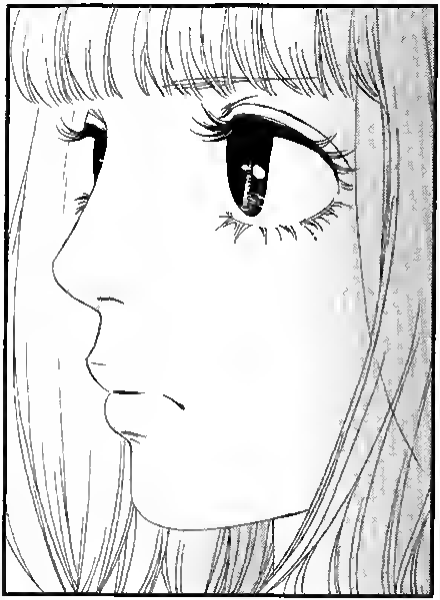

AH, WHERE'S A-CHAN?
AKIO FELL ASLEEP THE MOMENT WE CAME INTO THE HALL SO I PUSHED HIM INTO HIS ROOM.


I HEARD YOU HAVE AMNESIA.

YOU CERTAINLY DO GIVE OFF A DIFFERENT IMPRESSION.
HE—

WIPE
WIPE
WIPE
WIPE
WIPE
NUDGE
Chuckle.
EVEN THOUGH YOU LOST YOUR MEMORIES, YOU'RE STILL AS STRONG-WILLED AS EVER

WHEN AKIO WAKES UP, TELL HIM
THAT I WILL BE STAYING IN TOWN FOR A WHILE



I don't remember
I SEE—
DAI-CHAN TOOK ME HOME LAST NIGHT—
THAT'S RIGHT I WAS SO SURPRISED BECAUSE WHEN I CAME DOWNSTAIRS THERE WAS A STRANGER IN THE HOUSE
UH GAH—
HE'S A GREAT GUY
DAI-CHAN
HE'S BEEN IN THE SAME SCHOOLS AS ME
GIVE ME MONEY FOR BREAD, PLEASE
I drank too much last night
PEOPLE WITH A HANGOVER SHOULD SLEEP
— SORRY, ARE YOU OKAY WITH NOT HAVING A BENTO TODAY?

ANYWAY, DAI-CHAN IS MY CLOSEST FRIEND...

"Closest friend."
He's looks very suspicious though.
ISN'T A-CHAN JUST GETTING DUPED BY THIS DAIKI?
I WASN'T ABLE TO TELL HIM YESTERDAY EITHER.
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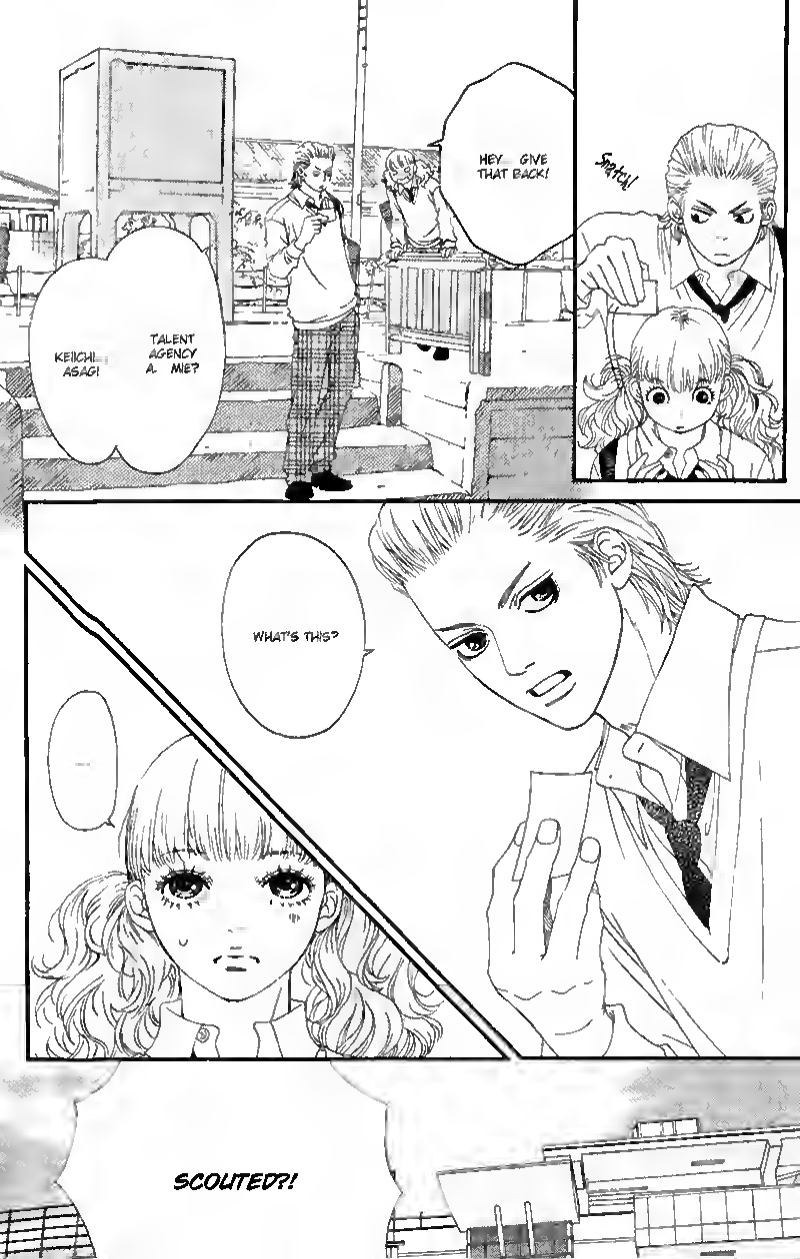
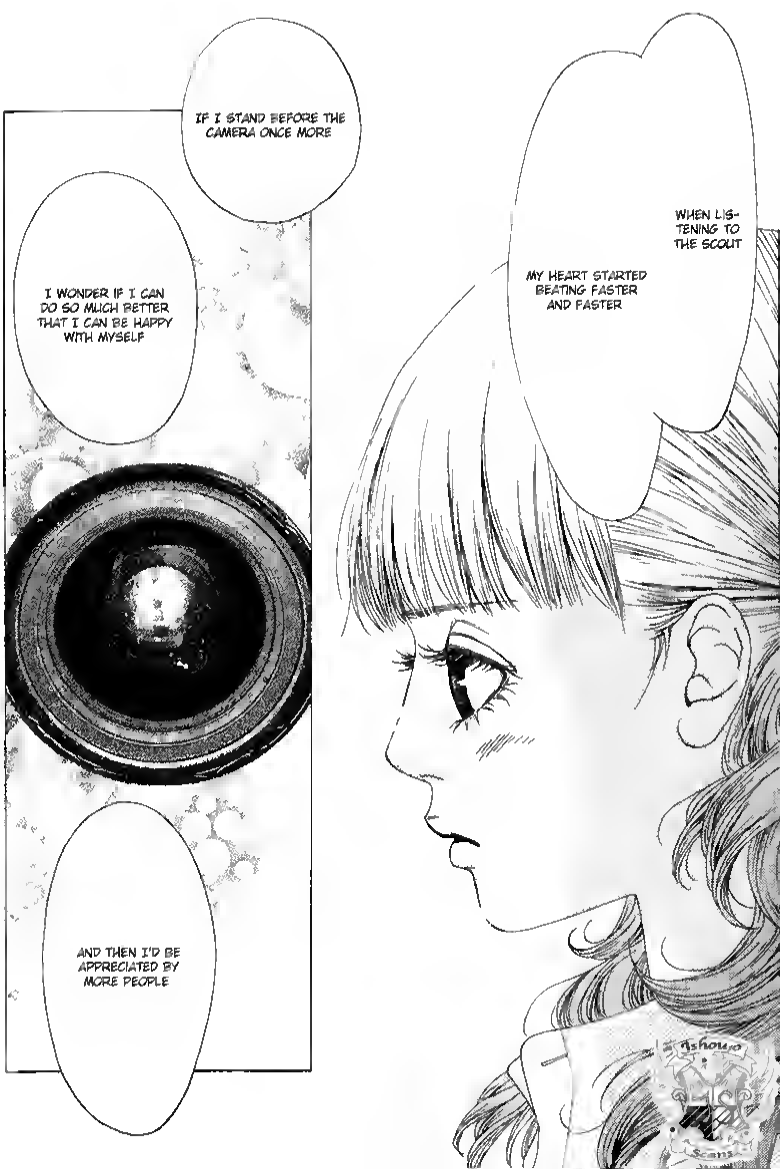
WHAT'S THAT!


HEY... GIVE THAT BACK!
Snatch!
KEIICHI ASAGI
TALENT AGENCY A... ME?
WHAT'S THIS?
SCOUTED?!

THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY... THE DAY BEFORE THAT?!
AHMM —...
WHEN DID HE COME?!
FOR REAL?! WOW —
COMING ALL THIS WAY TO THE COUNTRYSIDE?! WOW! HE REALLY PUT SOME EFFORT INTO THIS, HUH?!
I LOOKED THEM UP ON THE NET. THEY SEEMED LEGIT
HE — MIYUU AND TOKUI SHUUGO SIGNED WITH THIS AGENCY
EVERYONE THINKS THE SAME THING...
IT'S NOT AN AV COURSE?
IT'S SUSPICIOUS!
*T/N: for more information about talents, read h...://en.wiki...ja.org/wiki/Tarento
WHAT DID YOU TELL THE AGENT?
IT HAS THE NAMES OF THE TALENTS OF THIS AGENCY WRITTEN ON IT
HOW DO YA KNOW?
There are more girls but I don't know them

I HAVEN'T REPLIED TO HIM YET...
HA? WHY NOT?
SENPAI
YOU WANNA DO THIS, RIGHT

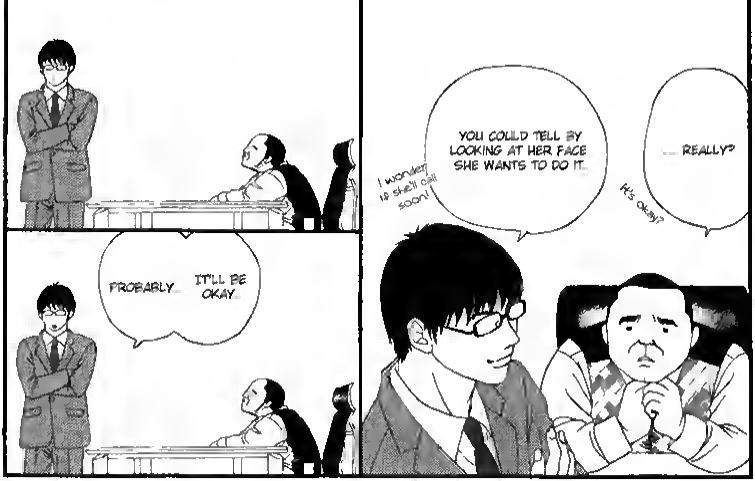
I DON'T BUT...
WANT TO BE IN THE ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS?
IS THAT SO? YOU
HUH?
SOMEHOW... SINCE THE RESULTS CAME OUT AS MORE TIME PASSED THE MORE I WOULD THINK ABOUT THE AUDITION...
And me, I couldn't do anything.
I didn't even try to do anything
The girls who confidently posed in front of the camera.
I was happy being appreciated by people.
But then, I realized that it was already over


IF I STAND BEFORE THE CAMERA ONCE MORE
I WONDER IF I CAN DO SO MUCH BETTER THAT I CAN BE HAPPY WITH MYSELF
AND THEN I'D BE APPRECIATED BY MORE PEOPLE
WHEN LISTENING TO THE SCOUT
MY HEART STARTED BEATING FASTER AND FASTER

HEY, YUUSUKE!
I APPROVE
WHY DON'T YOU TELL THE SCOUT ABOUT ALL THIS?
I don't want to keep feeling empty like this
ISN'T IT GOOD?
BUT A-CHAN
HE WAS KINDA AGAINST IT WHEN I TOOK THE AUDITION...
Hey!
BUT HE ROOTED FOR YOU IN THE END, RIGHT?
"JUST FORGET ABOUT GOING."

WHY DID YOU SAY YOU APPROVE?!
WHAT? YOU'RE AGAINST IT?
IT'S YOUR FAULT! YOU SCARED ME BY SAYING "WHAT WILL YOU DO IF SHIORI BECOMES A STAR?!".
I didn't mean to scare you though.
IF SENPAI SAYS SHE WANTS TO DO IT, THEN YOU HAVE NO CHOICE
SHIT—
WHAT WILL I DO IF SHE BECOMES FAMOUS?

WHAT IS IT SIR?
President's office
YOU SHOULD KNOW OUR SITUATION!
I'M ASKING YOU IF YOU HEARD ANYTHING FROM THE GIRL YOU GAVE THAT FINAL PUSH TO.
YOU MEAN KIKUKAWA SHIORI?
NOT YET
WHAT ~~ ARGH ~~
MIYUU IS PREGNANT AND SHUUGO IS NOT LOOKING SO GOOD LATELY.
AREN'T WE IN TROUBLE?
WE HAVE TO USE A STRONGER APPROACH!
IT'S OKAY. KIKUKAWA SHIORI IS ALREADY UP FOR IT.


PROBABLY... IT'LL BE OKAY...
I WONDER IF SHE'LL CALL SOON?
YOU COULD TELL BY LOOKING AT HER FACE SHE WANTS TO DO IT...
... REALLY?
IT'S OKAY?

SHI-CHAN!
SERIOUSLY?! 13TH IN THE POLLS! KIKUKAWA SHIORI!
Cookie Style

I've decided.

I'll talk it over with A-chan tonight.

AH

I don't like this guy.

He's drinking One Cup!! Is he an old man?

— IS THAT WHAT YOU WANTED TO SAY?

BY THE WAY, MY HOUSE IS THAT SMALL INN OVER THERE

YOU MADE FUN OF IT AS BEING VERY SHABBY BUT I GUESS YOU DON'T REMEMBER?

GOOD TIMING

I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO YOU

*T/N: a sake brand

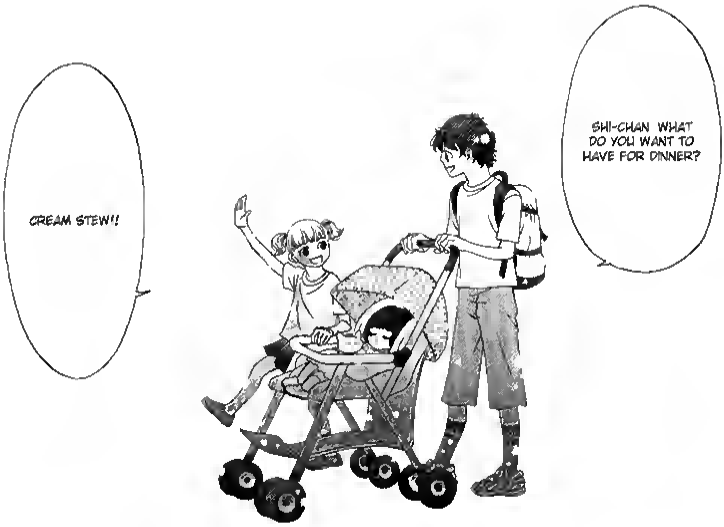
WHEN WE WERE IN OUR 5TH YEAR OF ELEMENTARY AKIO SUDDENLY TOLD ME HE QUIT THE SOCCER TEAM.
SO I TOTALLY FLIPPED OUT AND ASKED HIM HIS REASON FOR QUITTING
AKIO AND I HAD WORKED PRETTY HARD. WE WERE CLOSE TO JOINING THE REGULAR MEMBERS
I THOUGHT "WHAT THE HELL IS HE SAYING?"
FROM TODAY ON, I WILL BE SHI-CHAN AND MI-CHAN'S MOTHER.
MY MOM LEFT.

HE WAS ONLY IN 5TH YEAR OF ELEMENTARY?!
HE SAID "I DECIDED THIS MYSELF."
WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO SAY SOMETHING TO YOUR FATHER,
BUT AFTER THAT AKIO REALLY STARTED DOING ALL OF THE HOUSEWORK
EVEN THOUGH HE HAD ONLY HELPED OUT BEFORE THAT.
COOKING. THE LAUNDRY. CLEANING. TAKING CARE OF HIS SISTERS
WHEN SCHOOL WAS OUT, HE WENT TO NURSERY SCHOOL TO PICK UP MAHO AND WENT GROCERY SHOPPING SO WE STOPPED PLAYING TOGETHER
THAT GUY LAUGHING SAID SOMETHING LIKE "AS LONG AS MY FAMILY LIVES HAPPILY TOGETHER, I DON'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE."
THEN I ASKED HIM "WHAT ABOUT YOUR DREAM OF BEING IN THE J-LEAGUE?!"

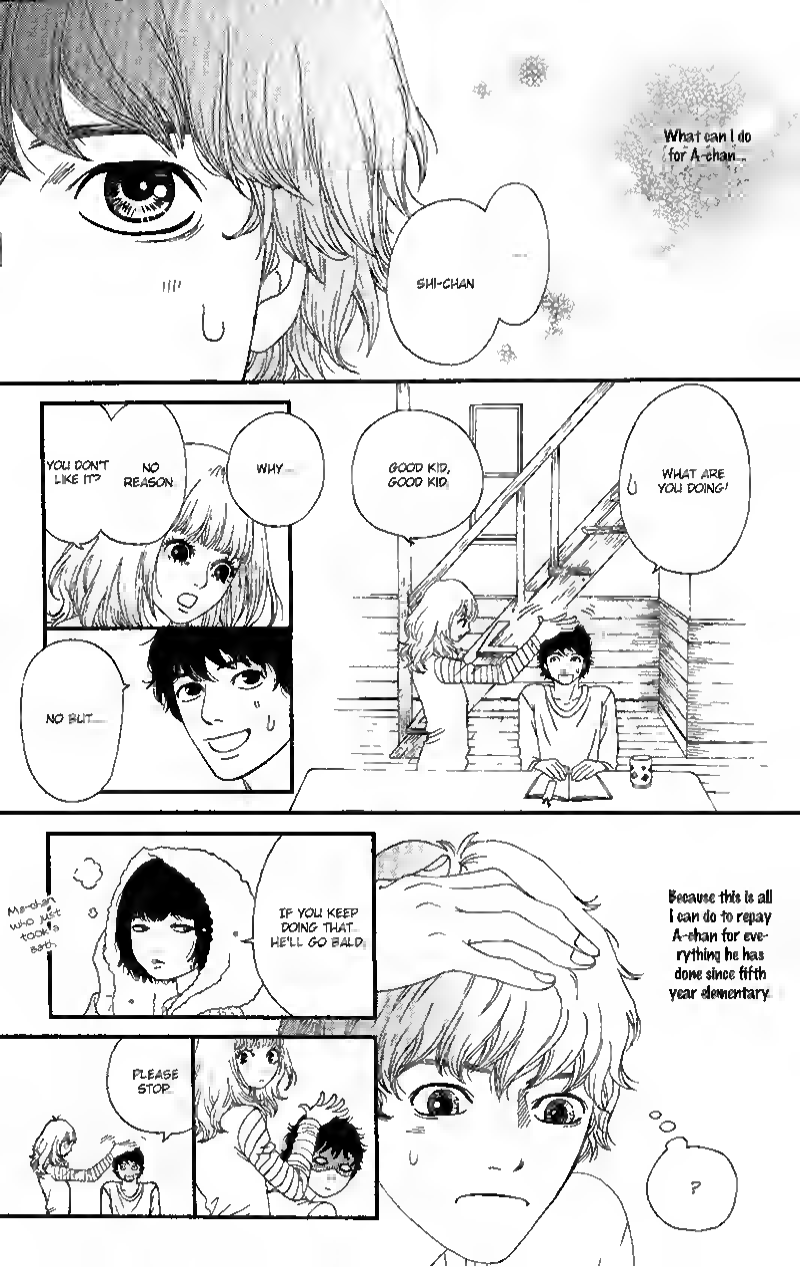
A-CHAN, YOU PLAYED SOCCER WHEN YOU WERE A KID?
HM?
THERE'S A PICTURE OF IT IN THE PHOTO ALBUM
AH! YEAH. I DID FOR A SHORT WHILE
COOL
OH! A short while huh?
A-chan...
BY THE WAY
THE ONE WHO DESTROYED HIS MODEST WISH
WAS YOU, HIS CUTE YOUNGER SISTER
SHIORI-CHAN

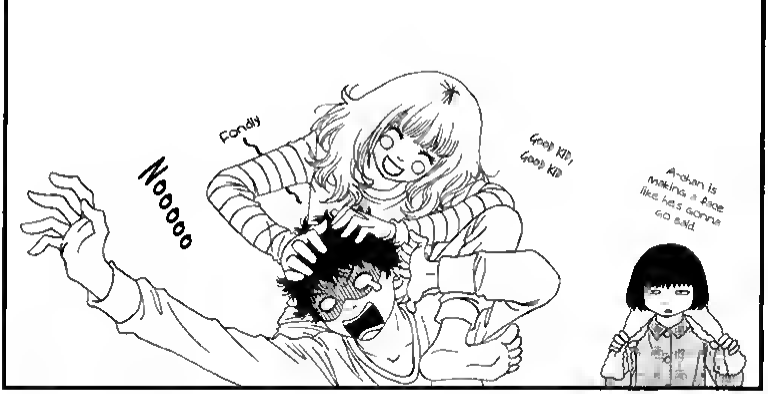
LIVE QUIETLY THIS TIME
ISN'T IT GOOD? THE AMNESIA
YOU SEEM MORE HONEST THAN BEFORE
DON'T CAUSE ANY TROUBLE FOR AKIO.

Why do you always...
I'm worried about you!
OH! I FORGOT TO TELL YOU
I ABSOLUTELY HATED YOU EVEN BEFORE YOU LOST YOUR MEMORIES
NACCHAN
OKAY!
IT'S DANGEROUS COME OVER HERE


SHI-CHAN WHAT DO YOU WANT TO HAVE FOR DINNER?
CREAM STEW!!

Stadio 3
YES?
ABOUT YOUR OFFER...
I'M TURNING IT DOWN
AHH
WHY IS THAT?
WERE YOU APPROACHED BY ANOTHER AGENCY?
NO
I'm
IS YOUR FAMILY AGAINST IT?
NO,
I DECIDED THIS ON MY OWN
I DON'T WANT TO DO IT
I'M JUST NOT INTERESTED
going to make him worry again.
Always thinkin about myself,
and depending on A-chan's kindness.


What can I do for A-chan...
SHI-CHAN
WHY...
NO REASON
YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
NO BUT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!
GOOD KID, GOOD KID
IF YOU KEEP DOING THAT... HE'LL GO BALD
Mo-chan who just took a bath
PLEASE STOP
?
Because this is all I can do to repay A-chan for everything he has done since fifth year elementary



What I can do for A-chan,

is not make him sad.

Just by doing that, its good enough.

Just by doing that...

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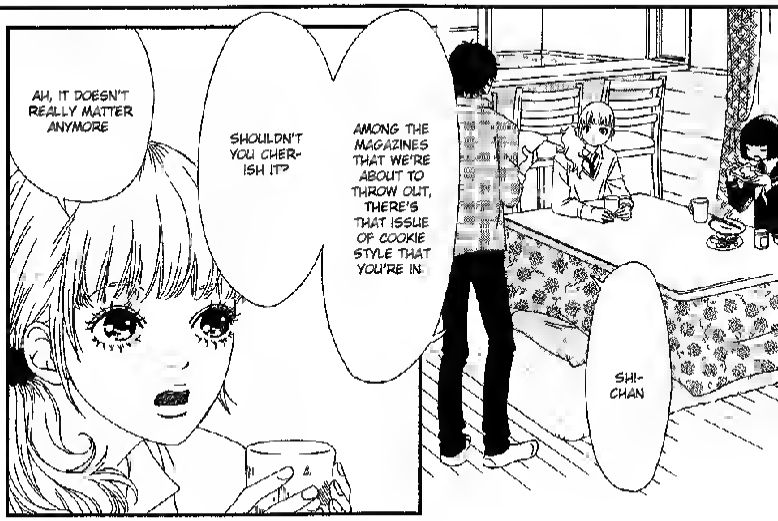
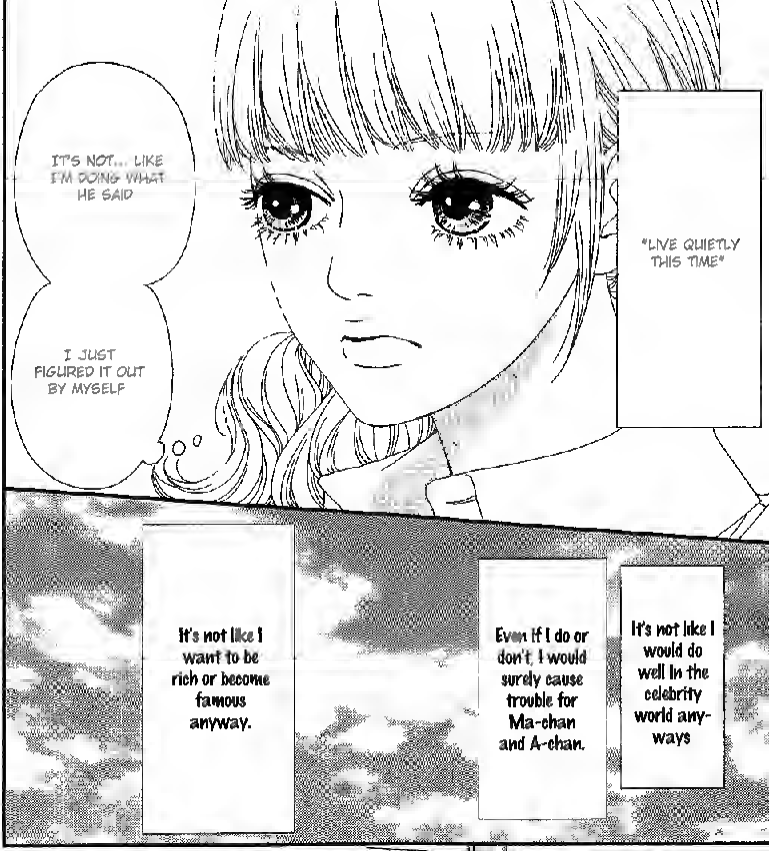
A-chan gave up on his dream to be in the J-league, when he was in fifth year of elementary and became a mother to Ma-chan and me.

Just thinking about it makes me want to cry


AH, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER ANYMORE
SHOULDN'T YOU CHERISH IT?
AMONG THE MAGAZINES THAT WE'RE ABOUT TO THROW OUT, THERE'S THAT ISSUE OF COOKIE STYLE THAT YOU'RE IN.
SHI-CHAN

YOU TURNED IT DOWN?!
I CALLED THEM YESTERDAY.
YEAH,
I DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE.
IT'S ALREADY OVER ANYWAY.
BUT DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ON THE PHONE YESTERDAY... DIDN'T YOU ALSO SAY THAT YOU'D DO IT?!
AH! WELL I KINDA CHANGED MY MIND.
WHEN I FLUNKED THE AUDITION, I THOUGHT ABOUT TAKING IT SERIOUSLY.
BUT WHEN I DECIDED I'D DO IT, I KINDA ENDED UP FEELING THAT I DON'T WANT IT ANYMORE.
Maybe I've settled down?
I DON'T GET IT.
WHAT,
WOULD YOU HAVE LIKED IT MORE IF I BECAME A CELEBRITY?


IT'S NOT... LIKE I'M DOING WHAT HE SAID
I JUST FIGURED IT OUT BY MYSELF
"LIVE QUIETLY THIS TIME"
It's not like I want to be rich or become famous anyway.
Even if I do or don't, I would surely cause trouble for Ma-chan and A-chan.
It's not like I would do well in the celebrity world anyways

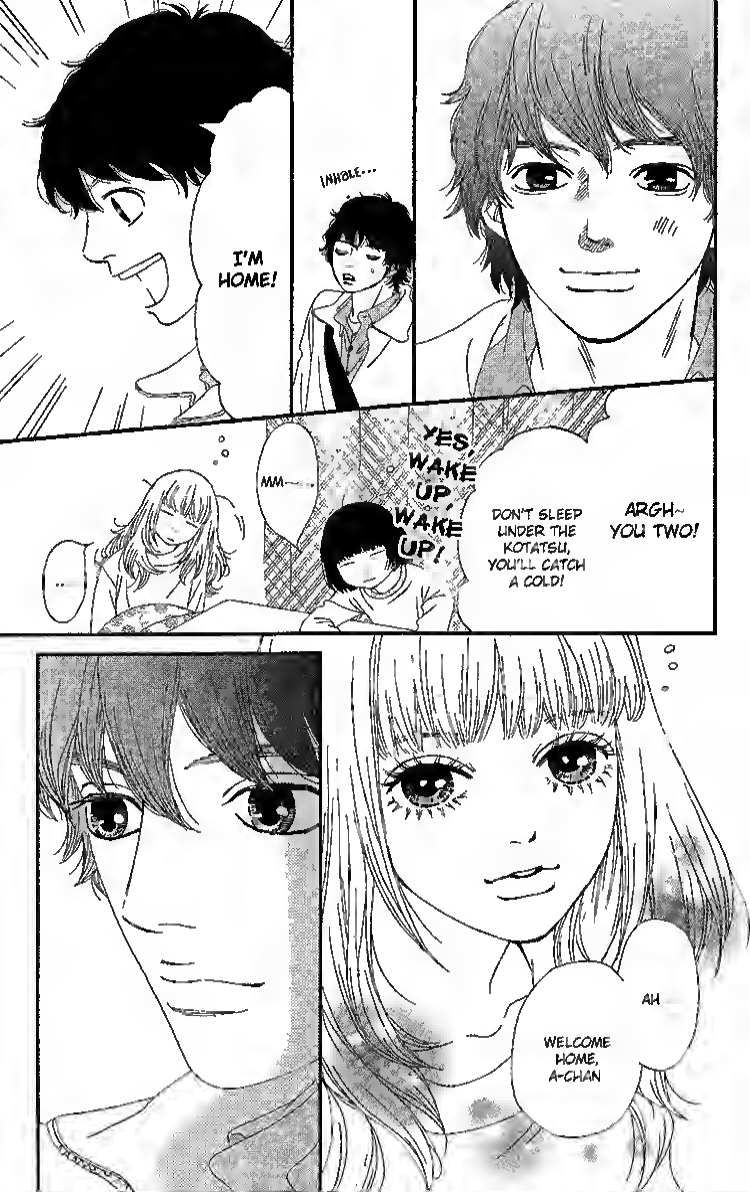
AT LEAST HELP OUT WITH THE FAMILY BUSINESS A LITTLE.
JUST BECAUSE YOU CAME HOME ON A WHIM, DO YOU THINK IT'S OKAY TO STAY OUT UNTIL MORNING AND GO OUT TO PLAY EVERYDAY?
DAIKI!
rattle
I was just happy because I got praised a little.
rattle
rattle

The people and the scenery didn't change at all, nothing really happens when I come home.
This mind-numbingly boring, salt smelling countryside town.
THUD
SO SLEEPY...
URGH
BUT NOTHING'S HAPPENING HERE!
Are there even customers?
DON'T "URGH" ME.
AH... BUT THIS TIME IT SEEMS AKIO AND MIZUKI GOT TOGETHER...
AND THE HAUNTED MANSION NEXT TO THE OLD ROAD GOT TURNED INTO AN APARTMENT COMPLEX

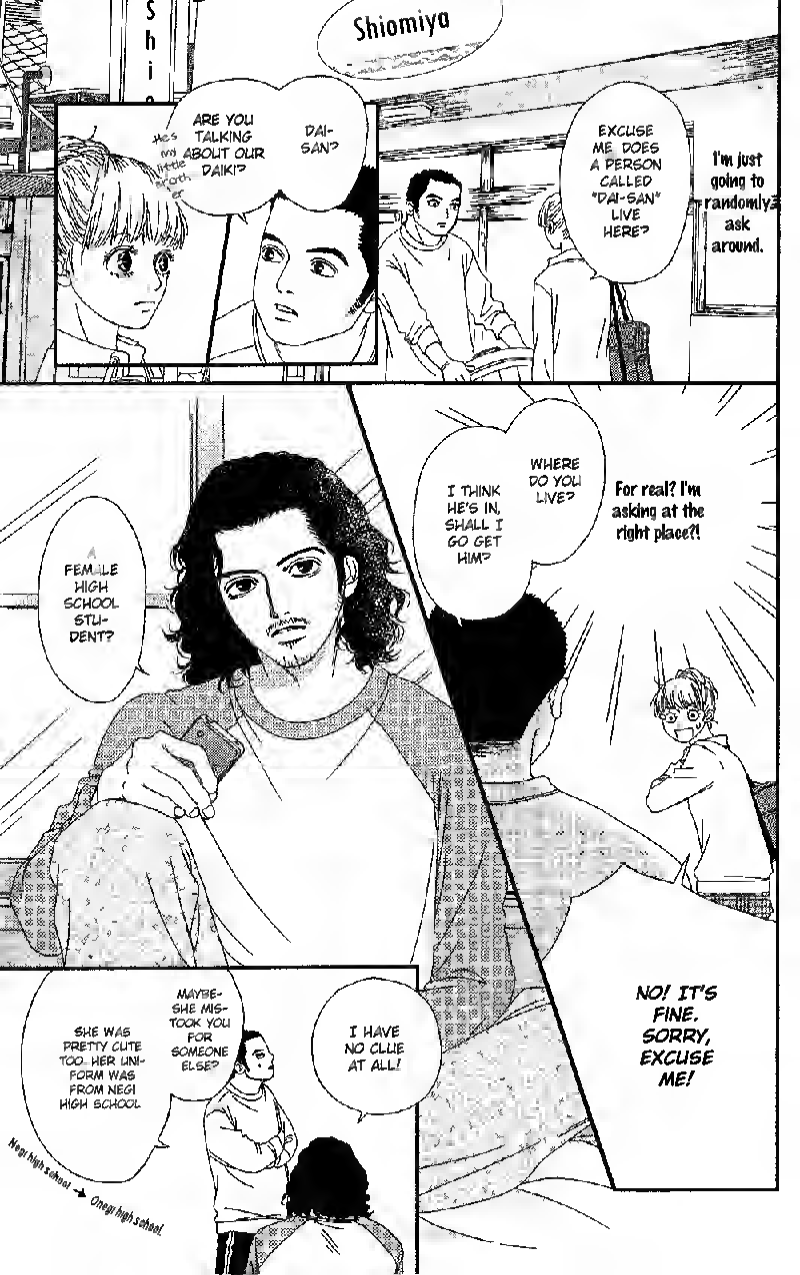
MM...
AH!
AKIO-CHAN...
MIZU-KI-CHA!...

Pant!...
Pant!...
Pant...
Pant
AHAHA
HAHA

I'M HOME!


I'M HOME!
INHALE...
YES, WAKE UP, WAKE UP!
MM-...
...
DON'T SLEEP UNDER THE KOTATSU, YOU'LL CATCH A COLD!
ARGH~ YOU TWO!
AH
WELCOME HOME, A-CHAN

with Mizuki by my side.
Eating meals together as a family.
As usual, the two of them don't talk much but there's somehow a good vibe between them.
Everyday, Shi-chan and Ma-chan go to school happily.
I've always wished for.
This is the life
However these are all in exchange for Shi-chan's memories.
HE SAID THE INN IS IN THIS AREA HUH


Shiomiya
EXCUSE ME. DOES A PERSON CALLED "DAI-SAN" LIVE HERE?
I'm just going to randomly ask around.
DAI-SAN?
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT OUR DAIKI?
He's my little brother.
For real? I'm asking at the right place?!
WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
I THINK HE'S IN. SHALL I GO GET HIM?
A FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT?
NO! IT'S FINE. SORRY, EXCUSE ME!
I HAVE NO CLUE AT ALL!
MAYBE SHE MISTOOK YOU FOR SOMEONE ELSE?
SHE WAS PRETTY CUTE TOO. HER UNIFORM WAS FROM NEGI HIGH SCHOOL
Negi high school → Onegi high school

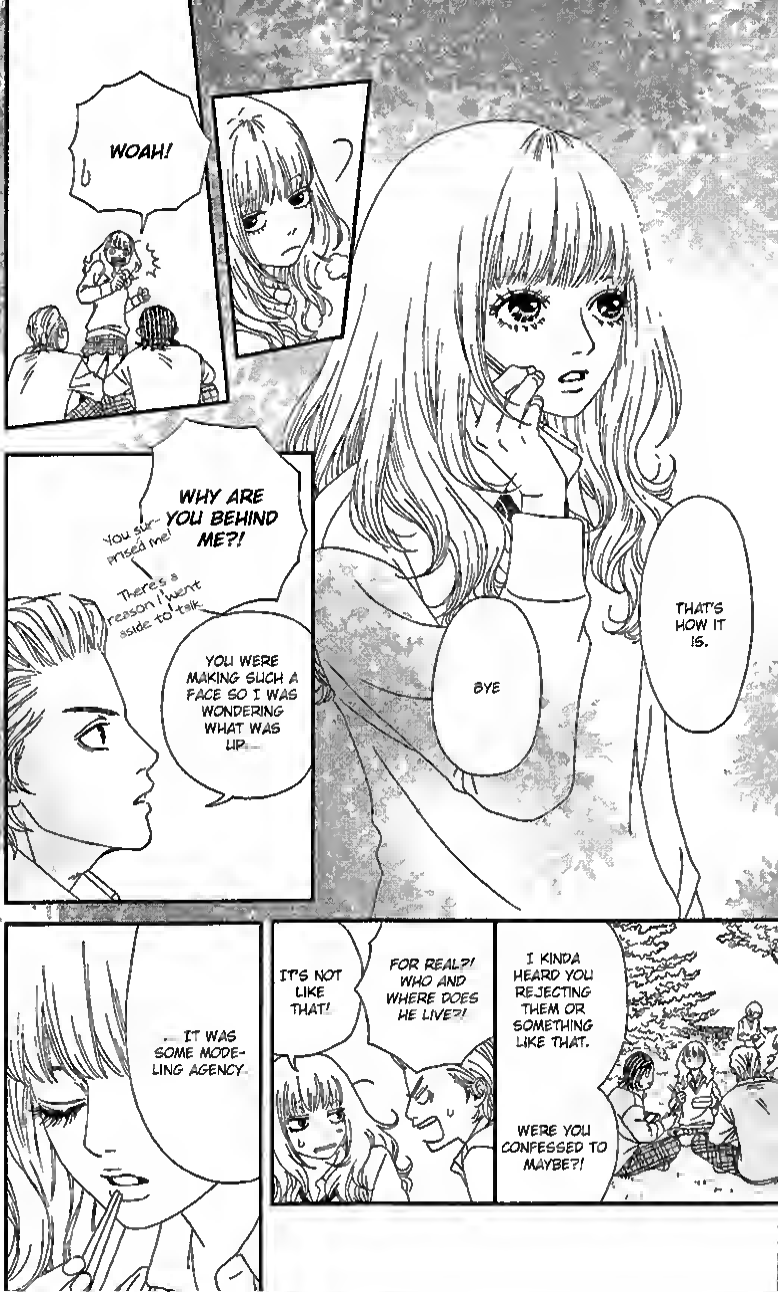
SO YOU DO KNOW HER!!
AH— HER HUH?
I DON'T HAVE THE TIME FOR THAT, YA KNOW...
YOU CAN PLAY AROUND WITH WOMEN AS YOU LIKE BUT STAY AWAY FROM HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS, IT'LL BE AWFUL IF YOU GET BUSTED!
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
BUT YOU DON'T DO MUCH, RIGHT?
HELP OUT AT THE FAMILY BUSINESS ONCE IN A WHILE!
YOU REALLY PISS ME OFF!
WELL, I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING OTHER THAN HIM BEING "DAI-CHAN" SO I CAN'T CONFIRM IF IT REALLY WAS HIM...
I RUSHED OUT——...
えさ

it's probably one of my memories.
There are also some things I vaguely remember
It may be my imagination though
like suddenly I will think "this used to be a field!" on a road I've walked on several times.
"When I was a child, there used to be rabbit sticker stuck behind the kitchen counter!" and so on, memories will suddenly pop-up in my mind.
It really used to be there so it frightened me.
But the memory I had recently was so very clear.

The first memory that came back was
I HATE YOU, SHI-CHAN."
It was so scary that I didn't want to confirm it but

The feeling of my hand as I leaned on Ma-chan's stroller.
A-chan's face while he was talking to me.
As we head home.
The sky during the sunset.

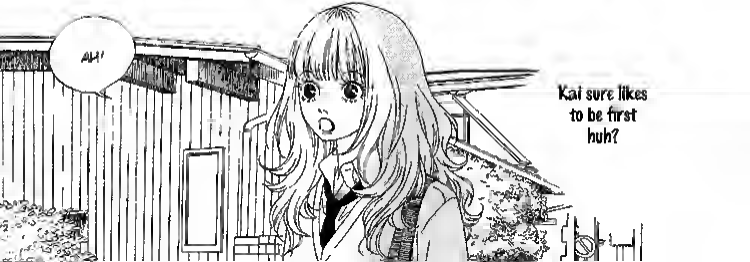
Maybe
if I talk to that Dai person..
Prrr... Prrr...
HELLO, KIKUKAWA RESIDENCE.
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
—?
AH... NO
IS THAT SO...
YES... YES... YES...
YES.


WOAH!
WHY ARE YOU BEHIND ME?!
You surprised me!
There's a reason I went aside to talk.
YOU WERE MAKING SUCH A FACE SO I WAS WONDERING WHAT WAS UP.
BYE
THAT'S HOW IT IS.
I KINDA HEARD YOU REJECTING THEM OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
WERE YOU CONFESSED TO MAYBE?!
FOR REAL?! WHO AND WHERE DOES HE LIVE?!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
... IT WAS SOME MODELING AGENCY.

WOAH!
YOU'VE BEEN SCOUTED AGAIN?!
IT'S NOT AMAZING! IT'S DISGUSTING HOW DID THEY EVEN GET MY NUMBER?
....
IT'S THE FALLOUT FOLLOWING THAT AUDITION HUH?
SENPAI, YESTERDAY YOU REJECTED SOMEONE FROM THE SECOND YEAR WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE BASKETBALL CLUB RIGHT?
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?!
HEARD IT FROM THE GIRLS OF MY CLASS
I heard he was pretty good looking!
HEY!
YOU'RE TALKING TO ME?
Not Yuu-suke-kun?
---OH FINE
That's unusual
LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER TODAY

BECAUSE I'M WORRIED
AND
I DON'T WANT YOU TO BECOME THE OBJECT OF AFFECTION OF OTHER MEN
I DON'T WANT YOU TO BECOME A CELEBRITY
YOU REALLY WON'T DO IT?
AH... I SEE...
WHY SO SUDDENLY
—
SHE FORGOT WHAT SHE SAID HERSELF

I DO, I DO
FOR SURE HUH!
YOU MEAN THAT, RIGHT?!
I WON'T
I SEE!
I'M GLAD.
YUA


AH!
Kai sure likes to be first huh?

WELCOME HOME, SHI-CHAN.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
THE SUPERMARKET.
I'LL GO WITH YOU!
THEN I'LL WAIT FOR YOU, SO GET CHANGED.
THE SUN HAS BEEN GOING DOWN EARLIER HUH-
It's the same as the sunset in my memories
I'm sure A-chan has walked and held hands with me and Ma-chan in this scenery many times in the past
TODAY I GOT A CALL FROM A PERSON CALLED ASAGI-SAN

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU WERE SCOUTED?
"I PROMISED SHIORI-SAN THAT I WOULD MEET HER ONCE MORE A WEEK LATER, TO TELL ME HER DECISION, AFTER SHE TALKED IT OVER WITH HER FAMILY
BUT SHE ALREADY CALLED US AND TURNED DOWN THE OFFER BY PHONE BEFORE THAT TIME "
"SHE DIDN'T GIVE US A CLEAR REASON FOR IT EITHER SO I FELT SHE ACTED A LITTLE WEIRD "
I KINDA FORGOT SO...
BESIDES, I ALREADY TURNED IT DOWN SO IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.
WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT?
"WE CAN'T GIVE UP LIKE THIS SO PLEASE EXCUSE ME BUT, I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SPEAK WITH HER GUARDIAN ..."

IT LOOKS FUN, DOESN'T IT!
TRY IT!
NO WAY, A-CHAN, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING
I WILL CHEER YOU ON
IT'LL BE OKAY.

... WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR "IT'LL BE OKAY"?!
THERE'S NO PROOF I'D DO WELL IN THE CELEBRITY WORLD!
YOU'LL BE OKAY, YOU'LL BE OKAY!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE.
IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT NOWADAYS, WHATEVER YOU DO
BESIDES, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'VE DECIDED YOU'LL DO THIS JOB FOREVER.
IT MIGHT BE A REALLY SCARY WORLD TO BE IN!...
YOU CAN ALWAYS JUST COME BACK HOME
WHY ARE YOU PUSHING ME SO MUCH?
YOU WANT ME TO BECOME A CELEBRITY?
"I DON'T WANT YOU TO BECOME A CELEBRITY."
"BECAUSE I'M WORRIED."
EVEN THOUGH YOU WANTED TO STOP ME FROM AUDITIONING,
... ARE YOU NOT WORRIED ABOUT ME ANYMORE?

YOU'RE CUTE SO YOU'LL BE OKAY, SHI-CHAN.
I ALWAYS DO.
.. What are you saying?
Even though you have been unable to do what you wanted, had to give up on things you wanted to do,
why are you smiling and saying these things?
BUT I WANT YOU TO DO WHAT YOU WANT.
AND MA-CHAN TOO OF COURSE.

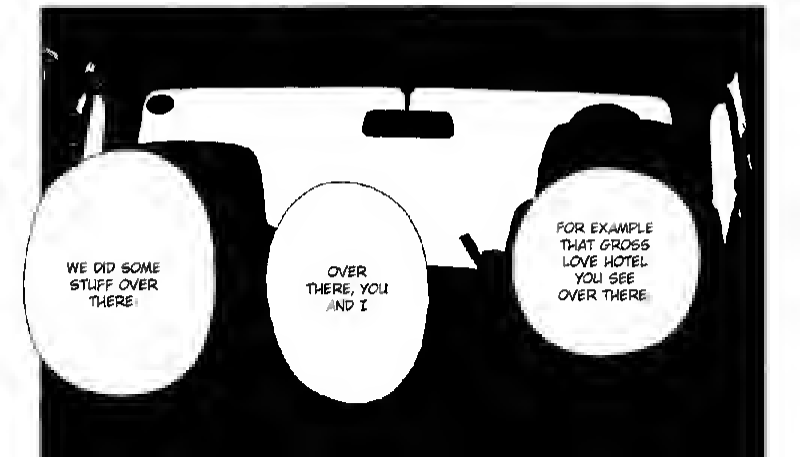
I DON'T WANT TO DO IT!
I'M GOING HOME!
...I WON'T DO IT.

What I want to do the most is
What I want to do.
AH, HELLO, AM I SPEAKING WITH ASAGI-SAN?
YES, YOU'RE SPEAKING WITH KIKUKAWA.
I JUST SPOKE TO MY SISTER BUT...
to be by A-chan's side.
Forever and ever
Until we both grow old
But that is surely
HONK HONK

OHO,
ARE YOU CRYING?
MAHO, YOU'RE TOO GLOOMY~
YOU LIKE GUYS WHO ARE LIKE OKADA-SEN-SEI!?
HE'S A SERIOUS PERSON, ISN'T HE!
Kyaaa

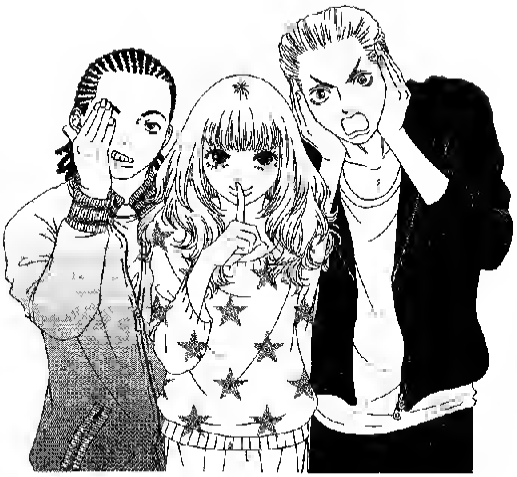
... SUCH A SHABBY CAR...
YOU CAME TO MY HOUSE THE OTHER DAY, RIGHT?
DID YOU COME TO PICK A FIGHT WITH ME OR SOMETHING?!
....
I JUST WANTED TO HEAR MORE ABOUT A-CHAN'S PAST
BESIDES, TALKING TO YOU MIGHT BRING BACK MY MEMORIES..
HA? WHY?
YOU WANT YOUR MEMORIES BACK?
SO YOU WANT THAT AFTER ALL HUH?

I WANT TO KNOW AND I KIND DON'T...
HO-NESTLY, I DON'T KNOW.
YOU MIGHT BE HAPPIER IF YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT I THOUGHT AND WHAT I DID?
SCREECH


WE DID SOME STUFF OVER THERE.
OVER THERE, YOU AND I
FOR EXAMPLE THAT GROSS LOVE HOTEL YOU SEE OVER THERE

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO? GO INSIDE?
MAYBE YOU WILL REMEMBER SOMETHING
I'M HOME!
AH, MA-CHAN.
WHAT'S WRONG?
YEAH. SHI-CHAN HASN'T COME HOME YET.
SHE ALSO LEFT HER PHONE AT HOME
IT'S ONLY 7PM THOUGH.
THAT'S TRUE BUT...
I NEED TO TALK TO HER...

HUH! WHERE, WHERE WHERE?!
I SAW HER!
SHE STEPPED INTO SHIOMIYA'S CAR AND THEY WENT SOMEWHERE...
SHIOMIYA...
DAI-CHAN...



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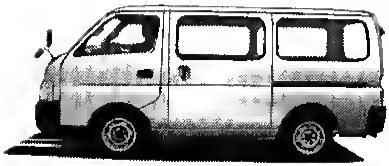
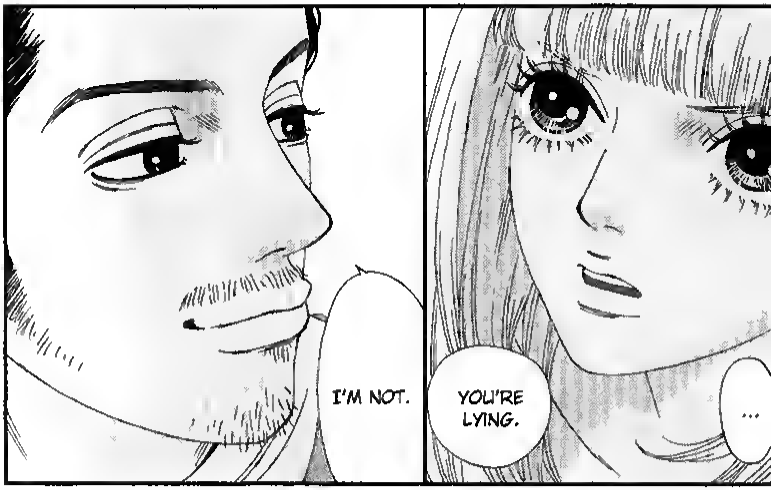
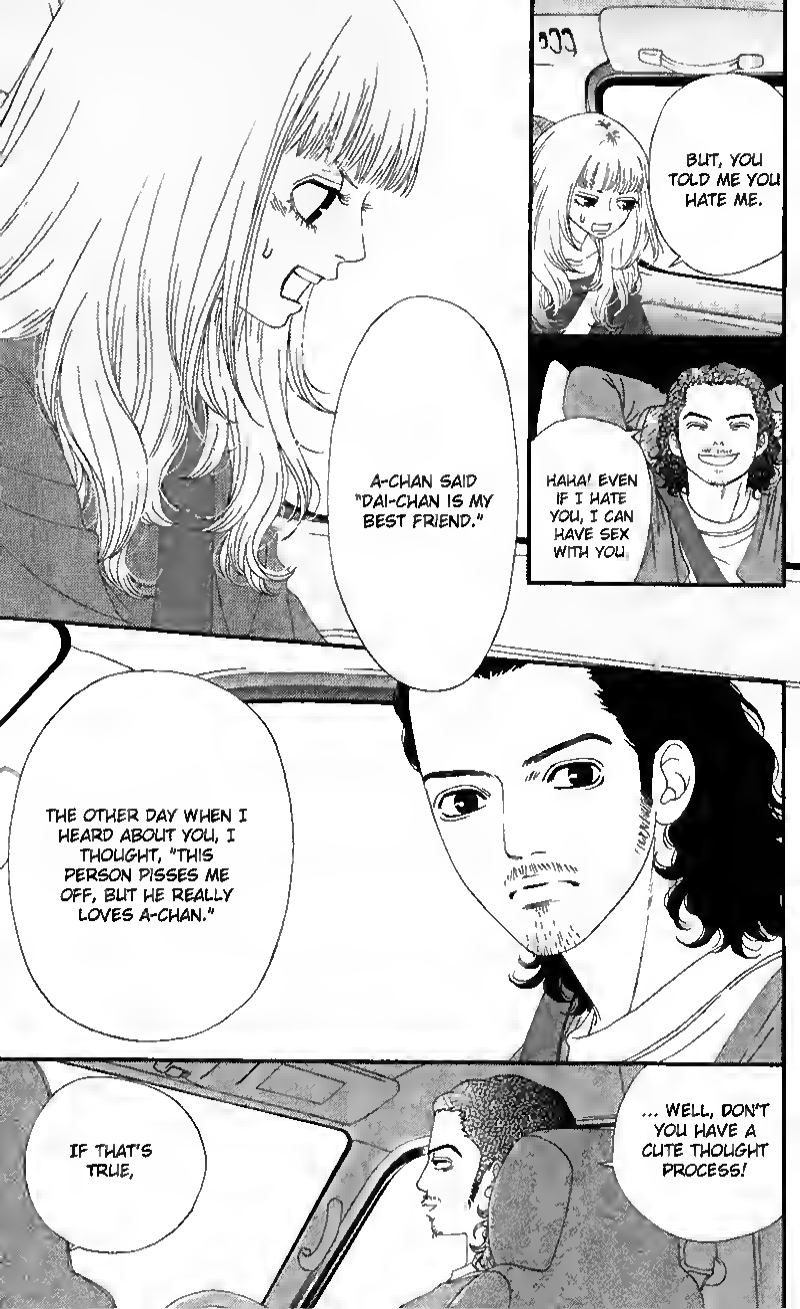
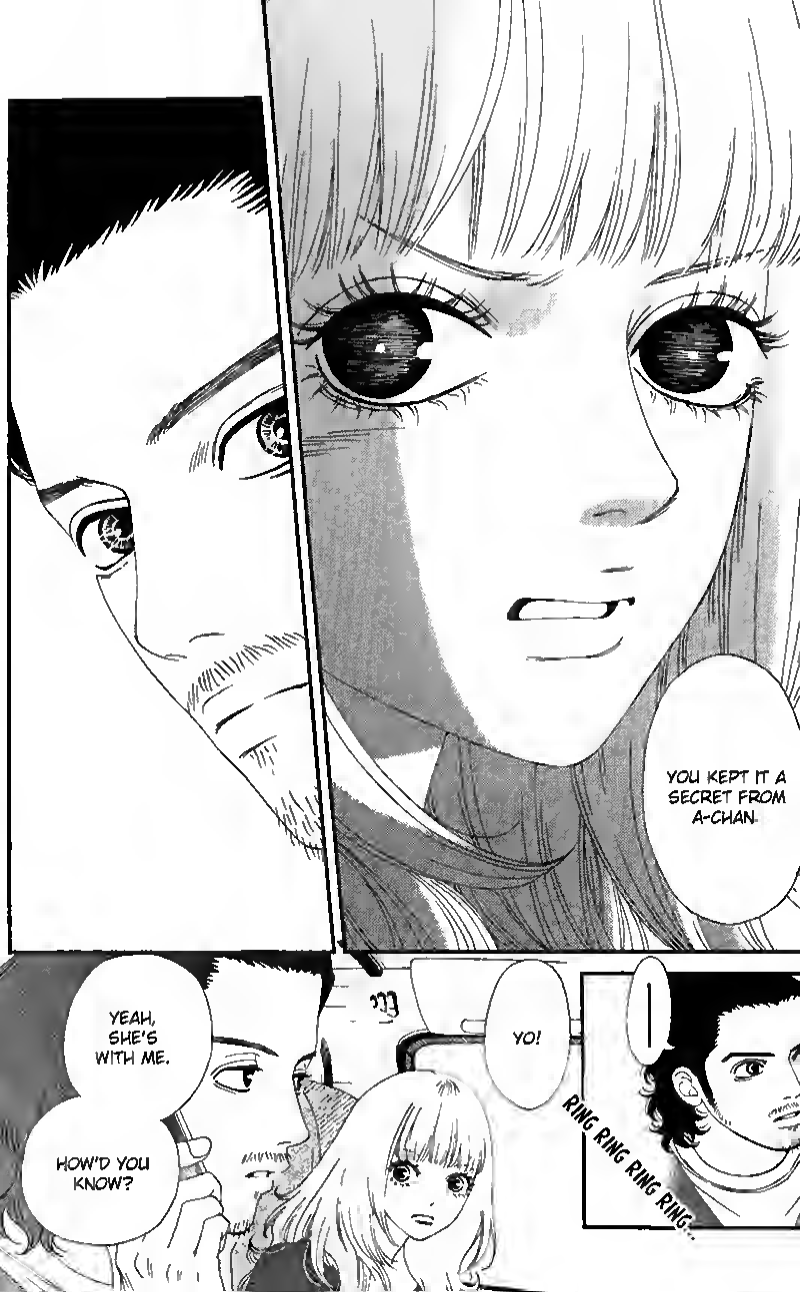


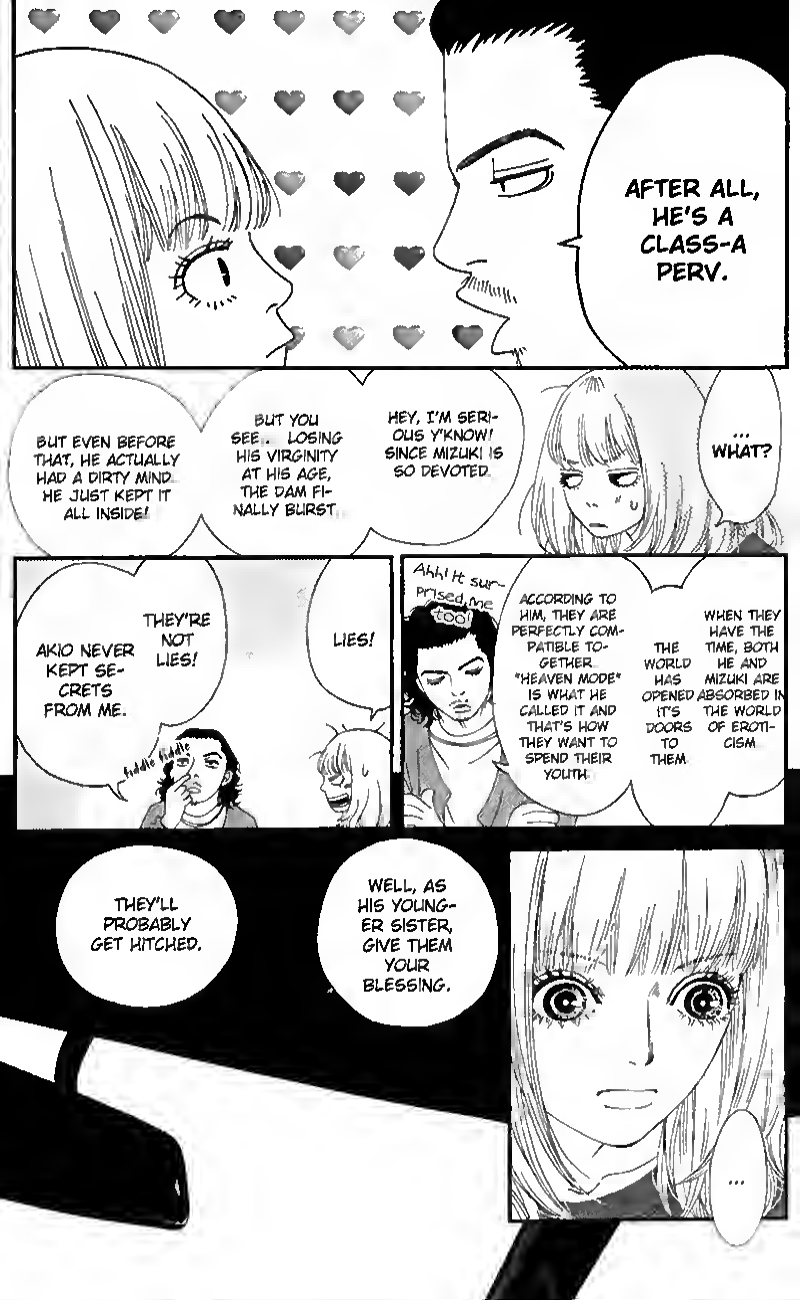



BUT, YOU TOLD ME YOU HATE ME.
HAHA! EVEN IF I HATE YOU, I CAN HAVE SEX WITH YOU.
A-CHAN SAID "DAI-CHAN IS MY BEST FRIEND."
THE OTHER DAY WHEN I HEARD ABOUT YOU, I THOUGHT, "THIS PERSON PISSES ME OFF, BUT HE REALLY LOVES A-CHAN."
IF THAT'S TRUE,
... WELL, DON'T YOU HAVE A CUTE THOUGHT PROCESS!


YOU KEPT IT A SECRET FROM A-CHAN.
RING RING RING RING...
YO!
YEAH, SHE'S WITH ME.
HOW'D YOU KNOW?

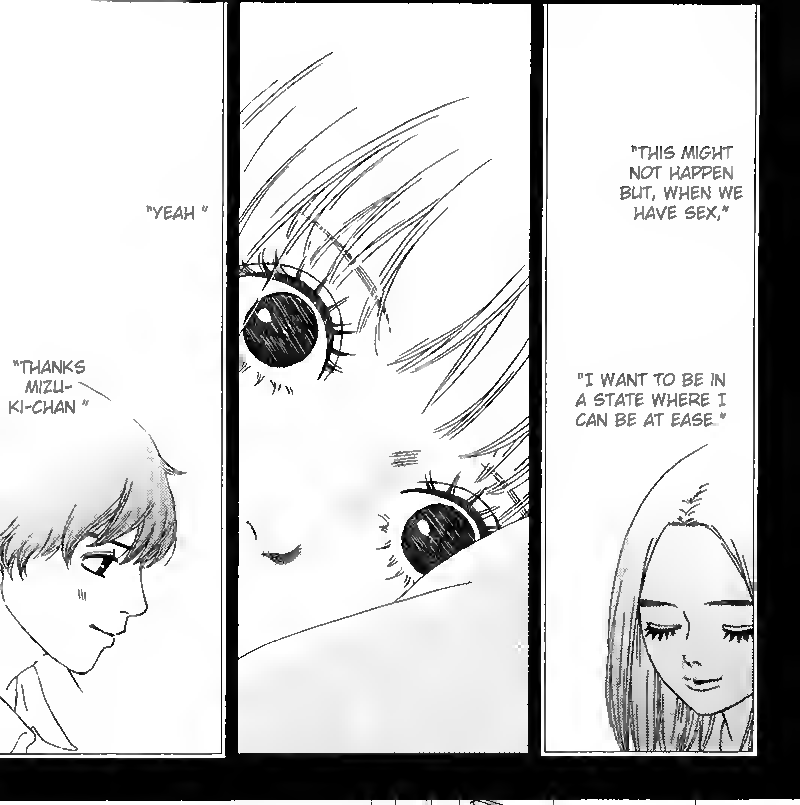
AKIO, YOU'RE COMING?
SHAKE SHAKE
WELL, DON'T WORRY SO MUCH
SHE WAS KINDA CRYING AND WALKING AROUND AIMLESSLY, SO..
I WASN'T CRYING!
I'LL TAKE HER HOME PROPERLY.
SEE YA
...
A-CHAN IS ..

HE'S TOO NICE... AS A PERSON AND AS A BROTHER.
AND SOME-TIMES, IT MAKES ME ANGRY.
HUH?
...SERI-OUSLY?
He's not just a nice guy.
I MEAN, REALLY ?!
IN A WAY, AKIO IS ALSO PRETTY SLY, YA KNOW?

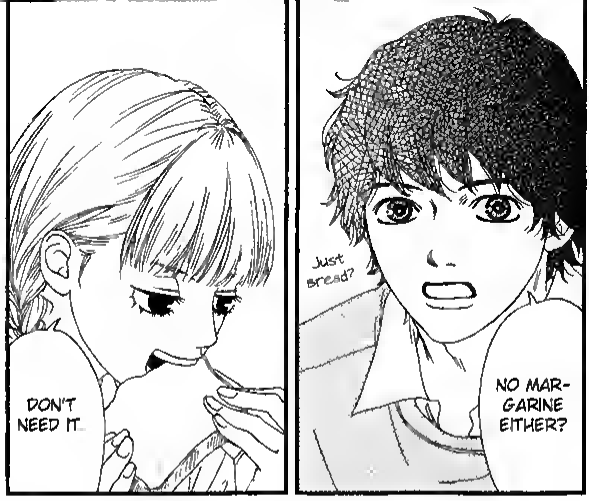

AFTER ALL, HE'S A CLASS-A PERV.
BUT EVEN BEFORE THAT, HE ACTUALLY HAD A DIRTY MIND. HE JUST KEPT IT ALL INSIDE!
BUT YOU SEE... LOSING HIS VIRGINITY AT HIS AGE, THE DAM FINALLY BURST.
HEY, I'M SERIOUS Y'KNOW! SINCE MIZUKI IS SO DEVOTED.
... WHAT?
AKIO NEVER KEPT SECRETS FROM ME.
THEY'RE NOT LIES!
LIES!
Fiddle Fiddle
Ahh! It surprised me too!
ACCORDING TO HIM, THEY ARE PERFECTLY COMPATIBLE TOGETHER. "HEAVEN MODE" IS WHAT HE CALLED IT AND THAT'S HOW THEY WANT TO SPEND THEIR YOUTH.
THE WORLD HAS OPENED IT'S DOORS TO THEM.
WHEN THEY HAVE THE TIME, BOTH HE AND MIZUKI ARE ABSORBED IN THE WORLD OF EROTICISM.
THEY'LL PROBABLY GET HITCHED.
WELL, AS HIS YOUNGER SISTER, GIVE THEM YOUR BLESSING.
...

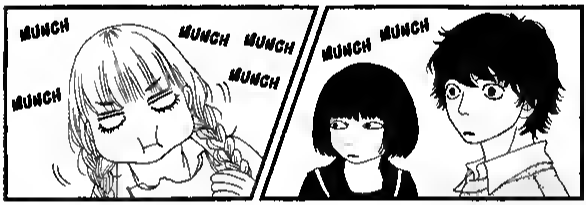
...I'M BACK.
I'M GOING TO SLEEP...
SHI-CHAN! WELCOME HOME!
I'm glad you're safe!
THANKS, DAI-CHAN.
MM, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

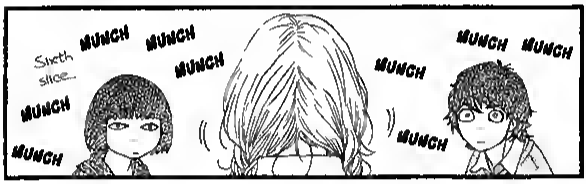
A-chan and Mizuki-chan...
"Heaven mode"...
I wonder... Will they tie the knot one day?
Though I suspect that they've probably done it quite a few times already.
Is it true?
He didn't give off that vibe.
wheeze wheeze
Imagining Mizuki and A-chan breathing roughly and panting is just too disgusting.
I MEAN, IT'S GROSS!
I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE IT!
thud
thud


"THIS MIGHT NOT HAPPEN BUT, WHEN WE HAVE SEX,"
"I WANT TO BE IN A STATE WHERE I CAN BE AT EASE."
"YEAH."
"THANKS MIZUKI-CHAN."

SHI-CHAN,
DO YOU WANT SOME JAM ON THAT?
...
I'M FINE.







Glamorous Ikezaru
Yes, it's fake

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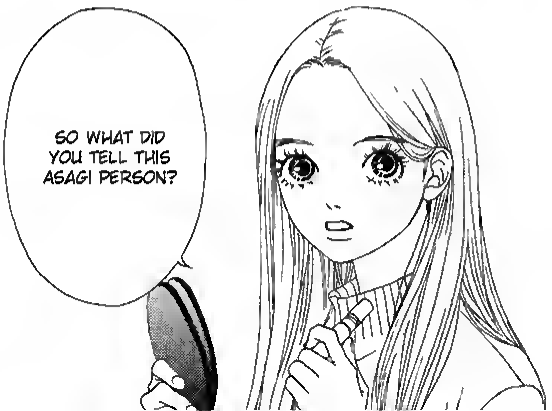
Six Half in the
future too ♡



I WONDER.
I THINK... SHE IS PROBABLY HOLDING BACK.
I WAS ALSO LIKE THAT, SO...
I ASKED HIM TO LET ME KEEP AN EYE ON SHI-CHAN FOR A WHILE LONGER.
BUT SHIORI-CHAN SAID SHE DOESN'T WANT TO DO IT, RIGHT?
SHE AP-PEARED IN THE MAGA-ZINE.
SHI-CHAN SEEMED VERY HAPPY WHEN
HUH? YOU TOO?
ARE YOU READY?
WANT TO GO?
WHEN IT ALL FELL THROUGH.
SHE PRE-TENDED TO BE FINE, BUT SHE WAS UPSET.

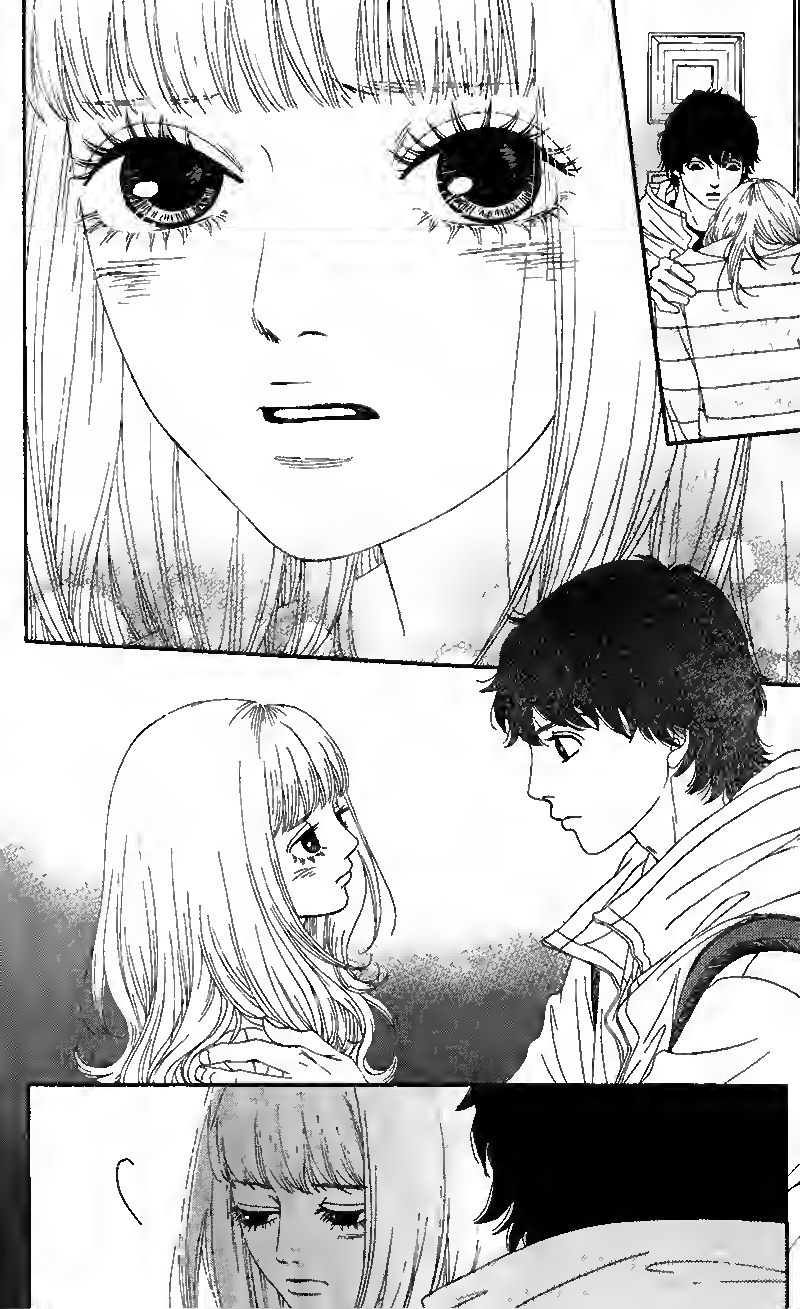
I'LL SUPPORT YOU.
SHIORI-CHAN IS STRONG, SHE'S MADE FOR SHOW-BIZ.
NEXT TIME, MAYBE I CAN MENTION IT TO HER!
NO, I DON'T MEAN TO PERSUADE HER—
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M ENCOURAGING HER TO GO INTO SHOW BUSINESS.
I JUST WANT HER TO BE HONEST
AND DECIDE FOR HERSELF WHETHER SHE WANTS DO THIS OR NOT.
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO DO THIS AGAINST HER WILL...
EVEN I KNOW THAT MUCH.

I'M HOME~...
SINCE THEN I HAVEN'T REALLY FOUND THE RIGHT TIME TO TALK TO SHI-CHAN ABOUT IT...
I MIGHT HAVE HURT MIZUKI-CHAN
PLOD PLOD
Sigh~...
SHI-CHAN.
YOU HAD A DATE WITH MIZUKI-SAN TODAY, RIGHT?

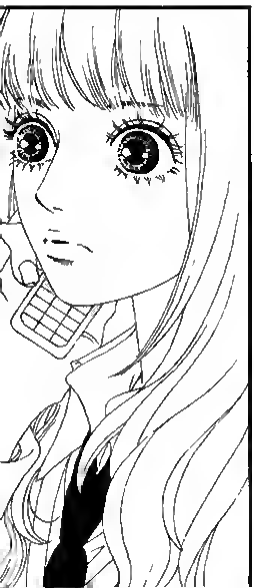
HUH..
YEAH.

SHI-CHAN... ?
He smells like soap, even though
he just came back home.
SHI...

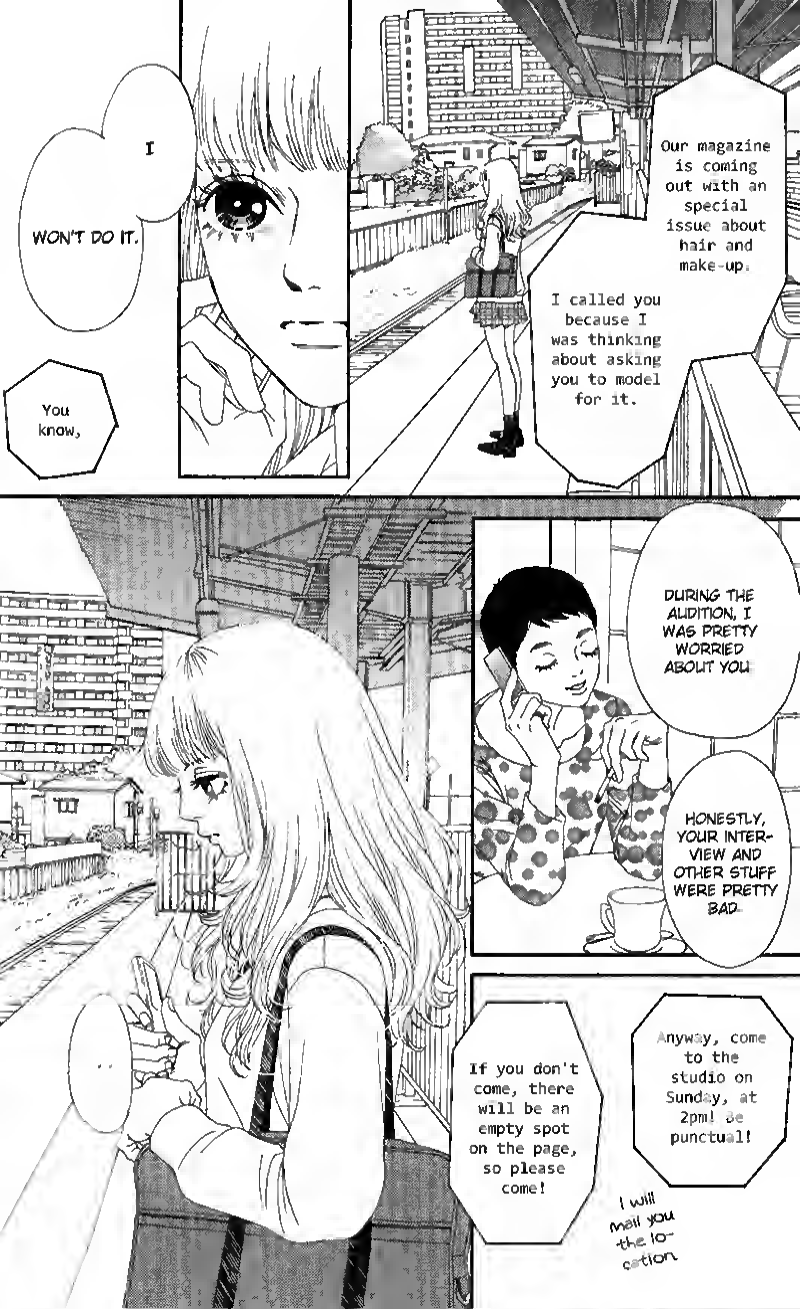
I know that it's only normal because they are in a relationship. I know that.
It all happens in the spur of the moment.
But A-chan is clumsier than other people.
He can't even kiss properly!
SHI-CHAN.
WHAT'S WRONG?



WELCOME HOME.
...NOTHING.



HELLO, KIKU-KAWA-SAN?


I WON'T DO IT.
You know,
Our magazine is coming out with an special issue about hair and make-up.
I called you because I was thinking about asking you to model for it.
DURING THE AUDITION, I WAS PRETTY WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
HONESTLY, YOUR INTERVIEW AND OTHER STUFF WERE PRETTY BAD.
Anyway, come to the studio on Sunday, at 2pm! Be punctual!
If you don't come, there will be an empty spot on the page, so please come!
I will mail you the location

I'LL TREAT YOU TO SUSHI NEXT TIME.
SENPAI,
BECAUSE I ALSO LIKE THAT GIRL.
I WANT HER TO COME,
WELL, IF SHE DITCHES, WE'LL WORK SOMETHING OUT.
NICE MOVE. ♡
I KNEW IT,
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

I LOVE A-CHAN
I REALLY CAN'T THINK OF HIM AS MY OLDER BROTHER.
WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS?
BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'D NOTICE IT.
THE OTHER DAY, WHEN YOU TOLD ME ABOUT A-CHAN AND MIZUKI-SAN HAVING SEX,
IT WAS ON PURPOSE RIGHT?!

I know, but

it's hard.

JUST THIS ONE TIME...

It's like I'm not myself anymore.
NOW THEN, LET'S GET STARTED.
AH... PLEASE BE KIND TO ME.
AH! NICE!
YOU'RE VERY CUTE!
TRY TILTING YOUR HEAD A LITTLE.

FLASH
DON'T SHOW YOUR TEETH.
FLASH
YEAH.
This...
Right now,
the life I'm leading
and what I'm thinking is irrelevant.
The fact is I love my brother.
Is somewhat working out better than I expected...

If I can do a good job, then that's fine.
THANK YOU.
Good job!
Good work!
I HAD A GOOD TIME.
THANK YOU.
BOW

A-CHAN...
THEY LET ME VISIT.
YOU WERE VERY PRETTY, I WAS SHOCKED.
ARE YOU THE SAME SHI-CHAN THAT LAZES AROUND ON THE TATAMI?

A-CHAN.
I WANT TO DO THIS, I WANT TO MODEL...
YEAH.
...AND

If I repeat it a thousand times,
then I may convince myself that he is nothing more than...
CAN I CALL YOU 'ONII-CHAN' FROM NOW ON...?
my brother.
...
WHAT DID YOU SAY JUST NOW, AKIO-CHAN?

"DID YOU TELL MIZUKI?
ABOUT YOUR FAMILY'S SITUATION.
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY UNDERHANDED INTENTIONS, RIGHT?"
SHI-CHAN AND I ARE NOT RELATED.
WE AREN'T BLOOD-RELATED SIBLINGS.
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A usual day at Jahrayle's palace.
I WANT MORE MANGA.
WHY ARE YOU TAKING SO LONG?
SHUT UP AND WAIT.
IT'S A MECHANIC!
GRAB
PEEL
WOOSH
WOOSH
WOOSH
WOOSH
WOOSH
WOOSH
WOOSH
WHY DON'T THEY HELP US? BY JOINING US OR GETTING OTHERS TO?
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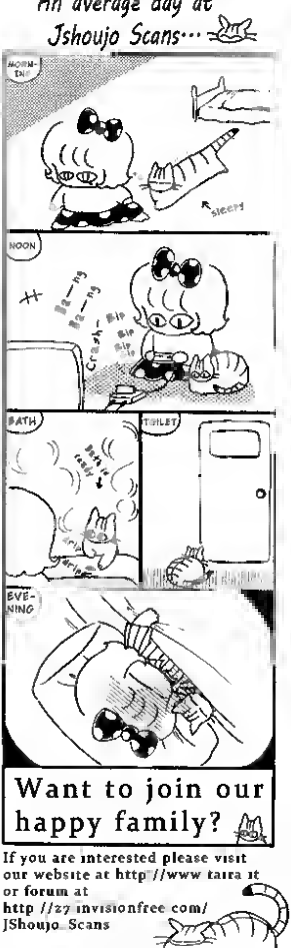
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YOU'LL JOIN US WON'T YOU?
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